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## GRAFTON COUNTY, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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# PREFACE.

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HAVING brought to a successful termination our labors in Grafton County in compiling and editing the sketches herein contained, we desire, in presenting this Book of Biographies to our patrons, to make a few remarks, necessarily brief, in regard to the value and importance of local works of this nature. We agree with Ralph Waldo Emerson that "Biography is the only true History," and also are of the opinion that a collection of the biographies of the leading men of a nation would give a more interesting, as well as authentic, history of their country than any other that could be written. The value of such a production as this cannot be too highly estimated. With each succeeding year the haze of Obscurity removes more and more from our view the fast disappearing landmarks of the past. Oblivion sprinkles her dust of forgetfulness on men and their deeds, effectually concealing them from the public eye, and because of the many living objects which claim our attention, few of those who have been removed from the busy world linger long in our memory. Even the glorious achievements of the present age may not insure it from being lost in the glare of greater things to come, and so it is manifestly a duty to posterity for the men of the present time to preserve a record of their lives and a story of their progress from low and humble beginnings to great and noble deeds, in order that future generations may read the account of their successful struggles, and profit by their example. A local history affords the best means of preserving ancestral history, and it also becomes, immediately upon its publication, a ready book of reference for those who have occasion to seek biographical data of the leading and early-settled families. Names, dates and events are not easily remembered by the average man, so it behooves the generations now living, who wish to live in the memory of their descendants, to write their own records, making them full and broad in scope, and minute in detail, and insure their preservation by having them put in printed form. We firmly believe that in these collated personal memoirs will be found as true and as faithful a record of Grafton County as may be obtained anywhere, for the very sufficient reason that its growth and development are identified with that of the men who have made her what she is to-day—the representative, leading men, whose personal sketches it has been a pleasure to us to write and give a place in this volume. From the time when the hand of civilized man had not yet violated the virgin soil with desecrating plough, nor with the ever ready frontiersman's ax felled the noble, almost limitless, forests, to the present period of activity in all branches of industry, we may read in the histories of the county's leading men and of their ancestors the steady growth and development which has been going on here for a century and a half, and bids fair to continue for centuries to come. A hundred years from now, whatever records of the present time are then extant, having withstood the ravages of time and the ceaseless war of the elements, will be viewed with an absorbing interest, equalling, if not surpassing, that which is taken to-day in the history of the early settlements of America.

It has been our purpose in the preparation of this work to pass over no phase or portion of it slightly, but to give attention to the smallest points, and thus invest it with an air of accuracy, to be obtained in no other way. The result has amply justified the care that has been taken, for it is our honest belief that no more reliable production, under the circumstances, could have been compiled.

One feature of this work, to which we have given special prominence, and which we are sure will prove of extraordinary interest, is the collection of portraits of the representative and leading citizens, which appear throughout the volume. We have tried to represent the different spheres of industrial and professional activity as well as we might. To those who have been so uniformly obliging and have kindly interested themselves in the success of this work, volunteering information and data, which have been very helpful to us in preparing this Book of Biographies of Grafton County, we desire to express our grateful and profound acknowledgment of their valued services.









*S. P. Carver*

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## GRAFTON COUNTY.



AMUEL P. CARBEE, M. D., the subject of this brief notice, first saw the light of day on the old Carbee homestead in the town of Bath, June 14, 1836; he is a son of John H. and Annie (Powers) Carbee, and a grandson on the paternal side of Joel and Lois (Downer) Carbee.

Joel Carbee was born before the Revolutionary War, in which he took part as a soldier. In reward for his services in behalf of his country he never received a pension, for he died before the day of granting pensions, but his widow, who survived him a long time, was granted one, and she enjoyed the benefits accruing from it until her death. Joel Carbee was a very powerful man, large, muscular, and fine-looking; his striking physical characteristics were inherited by all of his sons, and may be seen in his grandsons. Old Dr. McNabb relates that Mr. Carbee and a man named Wallace while at work together at the same job had a little falling out, arising from a difference of opinion. Accordingly they resorted to the old and ever popular method to those of British extraction of settling disputes, by fisticuffs. Leaving the rest of the workmen, they retired to a secluded spot, and there satisfaction was given and taken. Upon their return the only circumstance either in their actions or in their appearances that pointed to the probable outcome of the affray was Wallace's standing treat. Such little disputes settled in so amicable and quiet way made them better friends than ever. The Downer family, into whom Mr. Carbee married, were Newbury folks, of whom few are left to-day, for there were few, if any, sons, and several of the daughters died

unmarried. To Joel Carbee and his wife were born seven children, all boys but one: John H., Joel, Moses, William, Andrew, Henry, and Sallie.

John H. Carbee was born in the village of Newbury, Vt., June 1, 1791, and died in the town of Bath, June 25, 1877, where he had resided ever since his marriage. He was reared in his native place, and there attended the primitive schools; his education was for the most part self-acquired in the school of experience. On his removal to Bath he took a very prominent part in the public affairs of that place. He was chosen the representative for some eight or ten times; was also selectman for some dozen years. Masonic rites claimed him as a faithful devotee in his younger years; he became a Master Mason, and wielded quite a wide influence. Then came the Morgan incident, and with it the disruption of Masonic Orders for a long time; when the Order finally recovered, Mr. Carbee was an old man with no further desire for Masonic advancement. He was a Whig in politics, and one of the first Republicans in his town. Brief in his utterances, his few remarks showed him to be a man of pronounced views, with a good foundation for his beliefs. During his life, in his early manhood, he was engaged in piloting boats down the river, returning with flatboats laden with provisions, which he poled up against the current.

John H. Carbee's wife, Annie Powers, was born near Wallacehill, Feb. 14, 1797, and died in Bath, Dec. 20, 1887. She was a daughter of Samuel Powers of Hollis, N. H., who was a farmer in his later years. He was educated for the ministry, but thinking himself unfitted for it, he induced his father to educate a younger

brother instead, and allow him to go into business. He accordingly adopted the profession of a surveyor, and worked at it in connection with farming. It was the custom in those days to keep cider on draught throughout the year, and this old gentleman, Samuel Powers, always had a pitcher of the drink on the table at every meal. Twenty-five or thirty barrels were made every year, during the apple season, and everybody was expected to drink, and very few ever became intoxicated. He lived to be ninety-five years old, the last ten years of which were spent in blindness. He was a son of Peter Powers, who was a preacher of the Congregationalist faith, and the first preacher of the upper Connecticut Valley, coming into this section of the country in 1765. He was given by popular subscription as a living 200 acres of the finest river bottom land, and a yearly stipend of £35, six shillings, and thirty cords of wood, cut and corded each year. His preaching was not limited to the New Hampshire side of the river, but extended also over into Vermont, a boat providing means of communication. The Powers family was most probably of Scotch-Irish descent, coming from the north of Ireland. To the parents of Annie Powers were born two children: John and Annie. By a subsequent marriage the family was increased by the addition of one more child: Moody.

The union of John H. Carbee and Annie Powers was blessed with the following offspring: Lois married Moses M. Kelsey of Derby, Vt.; Sallie was taken to a brighter world in infancy; John, died Oct. 25, 1893; William was killed at Champion Hills during the Civil War; his wife was Harriet Smith; Sarah died in 1880; Henry lives on the Carbee homestead in Bath; Milo makes his home in East Boston; Mary is the widow of John Morrill of Derby, Vt.; Samuel Powers is the subject of this sketch; and Ann, the widow of Edward Johnson, lives in Wareham, Mass. With the exception of the one, who died when a babe, all grew up; the first death was that of William, killed in the Battle of Champion Hills, near Vicksburg, May 19, 1863, when fighting under Gen. Grant.

Samuel Powers Carbee was reared on the home farm, where all his brothers and sisters were born; he attended the common schools and the seminary at Newbury, Vt. He remained at

home until 1857, teaching school in the winter and working on the farm in the summer. In the summer of 1857 he was employed in a daguerreotype studio in Boston, and in the following winter taught another term of school. In the spring of 1858 he went west to Illinois, to Lacon, where he kept books for Fisher, Dean & Co., pork packers, working there from March to July. He then went to Linn Co., Iowa, to Springville, where he worked on his brothers' farms for two years. Returning home at the expiration of that period, he studied medicine until the outbreak of the war, studying under Dr. Dixie Crosby and his son, Dr. Alpheus B. Crosby, and attending one course of lectures at Dartmouth College; the studying was continued summer and winter, teaching winter schools also.

Aug. 21, 1862, Dr. Carbee broke off his medical studies and enlisted in Co. D., 12th N. H., Vol. Inf., and was mustered into the United States service Oct. 26, 1863, as a private, and later appointed assistant surgeon of the regiment, a position he held until the close of the war, June 21, 1865. The regiment disbanded at Concord, July 3, 1865. Mr. Carbee saw service in the Army of the Potomac and in the Army of the James, in the State of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. The following battles marked his connection with the army: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Bermuda Hundred, Drury's Bluff, Ft. Harrison, Ft. Royal, Swift Creek, Cold Harbor, capture of Richmond, and siege of Petersburg. In the capture of Richmond, the Southern capital, Dr. Carbee, following close after the picket line, has the distinction of being the first surgeon of the Union Army to enter the city. At the battle of Gettysburg he was under fire, but was untouched with the exception of his hat, which was shot through. At the close of the war he went to Hanover, resumed his studies, and received his diploma, Nov. 3, 1865. Upon the Doctor's admission to practice, he settled in Haverhill, and has been kept busy in attending to his large practice ever since.

Dr. Carbee married, Sept. 30, 1885, N. Della Buck of Haverhill, N. H., the third of six children, born to Lyman and Lucia W. (Kasson) Buck. Lyman Buck was a son of Lyman, Sr., and Mindwell (Dewey) Buck, originally from



Waterford, Vt. Lucia W. Kasson was a daughter of Marvin and Elizabeth (Dick) Kasson. Mrs. Dr. Carbee is a member of the Congregational Church. In politics, Dr. Carbee is a strong Republican; he was a member of the Legislature for two years, trustee of the academy, surgeon-general of the State on the staff of Gov. Charles A. Busiel. He was county commissioner for four years, having won in an election, that of 1884, when the county had been Democratic for twenty-five years. Our subject is a member of G. A. R., Nat. Westgate Post, No. 50. He is a Mason, belonging to Kane Lodge, of Lisbon, No. 64; Franklin Chapter of Lisbon, No. 9; Omega Council; and Mt. Horeb Commandery of Concord, N. H.

No more representative or worthier gentleman could be found to head this collection of biographies and portraits of the leading citizens of Grafton Co. than Dr. Carbee, and it is with genuine pleasure we present his portrait on a preceding page.

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HON. EDGAR ALDRICH, M. A., United States District Judge of New Hampshire, residing in Littleton, N. H., was born in Pittsburg, N. H., Feb. 5, 1848. He is the son of Ephraim C. and Adaline Bedel (Haynes) Aldrich, and grandson of Ephraim C. Aldrich, Sr.

The grandfather of our subject removed with his family about the year 1830 from his native State of Connecticut to Pittsburg of this State, which locality was then known as the Indian Stream Territory. The jurisdiction of that portion of the State had long been a matter of dispute between our own and the British Governments; at the time of Mr. Aldrich's settlement the people had taken matters into their own hands and had set up an independent government, pending the outcome of the controversy. Of the family of children born to Mr. Aldrich, Ephraim C., Jr., first saw the light on the 4th of February, 1818. He became a solid, substantial citizen of Pittsburg; he was conspicuous in town affairs for a long term of years; he was deputy provost marshal, and was of much service to the State in raising money and men for the carrying on of the war for the Union. He was also prominent in the commercial and business interests of the

county, being an active manager of the Upper Coos River and Lake Improvement Company. In 1840 he married Adaline Bedel Haynes, a granddaughter of the noted Gen. Moody Bedel, a soldier of the Revolution, and of the War of 1812, who was also a pioneer of the Indian Stream Territory. Six children were born to them, of whom but three survive: Frank, of the well-known firm of Fustis & Aldrich, wholesale starch merchants of Boston, Mass.; Edgar; and Isabel, the wife of Justus W. Baldwin of Pittsburg. The father died Jan. 25, 1880, but the mother is still living.

Hon. Edgar Aldrich remained at home during his youthful years, receiving such educational advantages as the district school afforded, until the age of fourteen, when he entered the academy at Colebrook, where he continued about three years, and soon after commenced the study of law in the office of Ira A. Ramsey of Colebrook. Subsequently he entered the Law Department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, graduating from that institution in March, 1868, with the degree of LL. B., when but twenty years of age.

Upon his return to Colebrook he was admitted to the bar of Coos Co. at the following August term of court, upon motion of the late Hon. Hiram A. Fletcher, who stated, upon moving such action, that he would attain the age of twenty-one before the next session of the court. He at once opened an office and entered upon an earnest practice of his profession in Colebrook, continuing alone until Jan. 1, 1872, when he formed a partnership with William H. Shurtleff, which continued four years. For three succeeding years he was similarly associated with James I. Parsons, and was again alone in his practice until his removal to Littleton, Jan. 1, 1881, where he became the partner of Hon. George A. Bingham. In May, 1882, Daniel Remick was admitted to the firm, which continued under the style of Bingham, Aldrich & Remick, until Judge Bingham's second appointment to the Supreme bench in December, 1884. Subsequently the firm of Aldrich & Remick pursued practice until January, 1889, after which Mr. Aldrich was alone until his appointment as United States District Judge.

While engaged in his practice at Colebrook he was twice appointed Solicitor for Coos Co., first

by Governor Shaw, in 1872, serving until the political overturn, in 1874; and again by Governor Cheney, in 1876, serving in his second term until June, 1879, and establishing an enviable reputation as an able and efficient prosecuting officer. In November, 1884, he was elected a member of the Legislature from the town of Littleton. Although with no previous legislative experience, he was nominated by the Republican caucus for Speaker of the House, and elected to that position, for whose difficult and delicate duties he developed a surprising aptness, acquitting himself throughout the session in a manner that would have done credit to a veteran parliamentarian.

At the outset of his professional career Judge Aldrich entered at once into the preparation and trial of cases, paying comparatively little attention to the ordinary routine of office work. He took delight in the exciting legal and forensic contests, which have characterized the practice of both the Coos and Grafton bars, and an examination of the reports will fully demonstrate his active and conspicuous participation in many of the important causes on the northern dockets during the last two decades. One of the most important and interesting causes in which he was engaged, and one in which he added greatly to his reputation for ability and learned research, was that of the Connecticut River Lumber Co. vs. Olcott Falls Co., in which he was associated with Hon. Irving W. Drew of Lancaster, as counsel for the plaintiff, defendant's counsel being the late Hon. William S. Ladd of Lancaster and Hon. Jeremiah Smith of Dover. This was a bill in equity to regulate the respective water rights of the plaintiff corporation using the Connecticut River for navigation purposes in floating its logs, and of the defendant mill-owners thereon. The right of trial by jury was claimed by defendant's counsel on the alleged constitutional ground embodied in Article 20 of the Bill of Rights, which guarantees the right of trial by jury in all controversies concerning property, "except in cases in which it has been heretofore otherwise used and practiced." The question involved in this contention was one of constantly recurring interest, and one which had long been the subject of much attention and research with no definite result. Mr. Aldrich devoted his entire energies to the work in hand, taking the

position for the first time, that the phrase "heretofore otherwise used and practiced" had reference to the common law and equity procedure of England rather than the practice of the courts in this country before the Revolution. His oral argument in reply to Judge Smith, at the December law term, 1889, was regarded by the Court as worthy of publication in full in Vol. 65, N. H. Reports.

The first judicial circuit in the Federal system embraces Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. Almost contemporaneously with the appointment of Judge Aldrich to the District Judgeship came the Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1891, creating the Circuit Court of Appeals, for the relief of the Supreme Court, to which questions of law are taken from the various district and circuit courts, which provides that such court shall consist of the Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, assigned for the circuit, the circuit judges in attendance (an additional judge having been provided in each circuit), and the district judges within the circuit presiding in the order of rank and seniority of their commissions. This act largely increased the duties of all the Federal Judges (the salary of the district judge being at the same time properly increased from \$3,500.00 to \$5,000.00 per annum), so that ever since his appointment Judge Aldrich has found his time very fully occupied, having been called largely into service in the Massachusetts courts, where, as in his immediate district, he has already won an enviable reputation as a courteous, discriminating, and conscientious administrator of justice.

Dartmouth College conferred upon Judge Aldrich the honorary degree of Master of Arts in 1891. As a public speaker he takes high rank and has delivered several notable addresses upon special and anniversary occasions, among which may be named his address in 1886 before the Grafton and Coos Bar Association, of which he has been a prominent member, upon the question, "Shall the law and trial courts be separated?"; that before the court upon the death of Judge Frederick Chase of Hanover, at the September term, 1890; his eulogy of Gen. Gilman Marston, before the Grafton and Coos Bar Association, January, 1891; his address before the Southern New Hampshire Bar Association,



upon "Delays incident to the removal of causes from the State to the Federal courts," etc.; his address before the Grafton and Coos Bar Association upon "Our Jury System;" and an address before the New Hampshire Historical Society upon the Indian Stream controversy.

Judge Aldrich was united in marriage Oct. 7, 1872, with Louise M. Remick, daughter of Samuel K. Remick of Colebrook. They have two children: a daughter, Florence M., born July 1, 1874, an accomplished young lady, who had been educated in the public schools, at Tilden Seminary, West Lebanon, St. Mary's School, Concord, and Abbott Academy, Andover, Mass.; and a son, Ephraim Fred, born June 9, 1878, and now a student at Dartmouth College, in the Class of 1900.

Although on account of his official duties, he is forced to spend much of his time in Boston, he retains his home in Littleton, where he has a finely appointed and beautifully-located residence on Church Street, commanding a delightful view of the village and the charming valley of the Ammonoosuc.

Thoroughly democratic and unostentatious in manner, readily approachable, and courteous to all, Judge Aldrich is popular alike in the general community, and in the profession, of which he is a conspicuous representative. Of fine presence and strong physique, he is also endowed with vigorous intellectual powers; and with a full appreciation of the labors and responsibilities of his position, and the zeal and earnestness of comparative youth in meeting all their requirements, there is good reason for belief that he has before him a career of usefulness and honor, creditable alike to himself and to the New Hampshire District.

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ANDREW J. RANDALL, who died Jan. 25, 1897, at Haverhill, N. H., was born at Fayette, Me., Aug. 5, 1830; he was a son of Asa and Mary A. (Chase) Randall, and a grandson of Samuel Randall, whose wife was before marriage a Miss Young.

The Randall family is descended from one of three brothers of that name, who came in Colonial times to New Hampshire from Wales.

Samuel Randall was a resident of Deerfield, N. H., and followed coopering as his trade; he was for a time inspector of staves of his part of the State. It was ever his lot to be blessed with the best of health, to keep vigorous and active a body, which could perform extraordinary labors; the age of 93 years was reached by him. He was one of those who cherish a good opinion of themselves, but, contrary to the general run of conceited persons, he exhibited abundant proof that such personal regard had a firm and substantial foundation. As an instance of his enterprise and uncommon hustling abilities, it is related that he hired out to a farmer during the haying season, and was told to come at about 7 o'clock. He woke up extremely early in the morning, took his scythe, and went to the meadows. After four hours of mowing, he was called to breakfast by the horn that was customarily used to announce meals to those members of the household who were not at hand. After he had satisfied his hunger at breakfast, in which time he was invited to a drink of rum, he asked his employer where he should start in to work, and was told to go to a certain field, and begin mowing. At this juncture, he dryly remarked that the field in question was already cut, since he had been in the field at work from 3 o'clock in the morning.

Asa Randall was born in Deerfield, N. H., March 3, 1793, and died in 1866. He followed the trade of a blacksmith, in addition to his calling of a farmer. During the troubles over the boundary between Maine and New Brunswick, known as the Aroostook War, Mr. Randall enlisted in the militia of the State of Maine, where he was then residing. In the Mexican War Mr. Randall saw two years service, returning at the end of that time, broken down in health, and never fully recovered. In politics he was a Democrat to the back-bone. His wife, Mary A. Chase, was born near Fredrickstown, in the Province of New Brunswick, Aug. 16, 1800, and passed away to the realms of delight in October, 1878. They reared the following twelve children: Drusilla, deceased; Daniel, who died in the Army; David, died in infancy; Lavina married Asa Kelly of Newbury, Vt.; Andrew J., the subject of this sketch, and George W., who lives in Haverhill, were twins; Sarah, deceased; Hannah, deceased; an infant, who died



while still in arms; Abigail, deceased; Martin, deceased; and Cynthia, deceased.

Our subject was reared at Fayette, Maine, until ten years of age, attending during the years of his boyhood the common schools of his native town. Upon the removal of the family to Orford, N. H., he attended school for a time, and finished his education in the common schools of Bradford, Vt., when he was nineteen years of age. April 1, 1844, he took upon himself his own support, and worked on a farm until 1848, when he went to the vicinity of Boston. At Dedham he spent one year working in the garden of a wealthy resident of that place. In Boston he became foreman in a manufactory of trunks and valises, and remained there till 1855, when he went to Fayette, Me., for one year. September, 1856, he first came to Haverhill, and worked in a paper-mill. He then took up the trade of a paper-hanger and a painter, in which he spent the remaining years of his active life, with the exception of six years, following his return from the war, in which he took up marble cutting. September 10, 1861, Mr. Randall enlisted in the 6th Regiment, N. H. Vol. Inf., and served 23 months, being discharged Aug. 3, 1863, ranking as second sergeant. In all, Mr. Randall took part in six battles, which were the following: Camden, N. C.; Second Bull Run, Va., in which he narrowly escaped capture; Chantilly, Va.; Fredericksburg, Va.; Antietam; and South Mountain. His health was very much impaired by diseases, contracted while in the army, and by reason of such disabilities draws a pension from the Government.

Mr. Randall contracted his first marriage in Massachusetts, to Harriet M. Wiley, daughter of Capt. David Wiley, a sea captain; Capt. Wiley's wife was Thankful Young. One child, Walter Newell Randall, was born of this first marriage; he is working on the railroad from North Abington to Hanover, Mass. Mr. Randall married the second time May 17, 1856, in East Livermore, Me., Miss Eliza Sanderson, who was born in Franklin Plantation, Franklin County, Me. She is a daughter of John and Hannah (Randall) Sanderson. Walter Newell Randall, the son of our subject's first wife, married Etta Thompson, who was born in Wellefleet, Mass.; to them were born two children: Lulu M., and Harrie Newell. Our subject and

his wife are attendants of the Congregational Church. He was a member of the F. & A. M., Grafton Lodge, No. 46, of Haverhill. In politics, Mr. Randall was a staunch Democrat, as was his father, in all national affairs. In town and county politics, he was a non-partisan, and voted for whoever he thought was the best man.

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MELVIN J. MANN, a passenger conductor on the B. & M. R. R., was born in Benton, of this county, May 8, 1856, and lives at present in Woodsville. He is a son of Geo. W. and Sarah T. (Bisbee) Mann, a grandson of Samuel and Mary (Howe) Mann, and great-grandson of Solomon Mann. Mr. Mann is of Scotch descent, his great-great-grandfather coming from Scotland, and settling in Hartford, Conn. Solomon Mann was born in Hartford, and lived the calm, peaceful life of a tiller of the soil; in politics he was a Whig, but could never be persuaded to take a prominent part.

Samuel Mann was born in New Haven, Conn., October 20, 1773, and received his education in the schools of his native town, which were private institutions, for there were no schools of a public character in that locality at that time. When he was 16 years of age, he went to Landaff, Grafton County, N. H., where he worked as a farm-hand for eight dollars a month. After six years of scanty wages, he had, by strict economy and the closest figuring, saved enough to buy a small farm, which he cultivated for 40 years. He finally sold it and removed to Benton, and bought a farm, now owned and occupied by his son, George W. Mann, who is the only survivor of eight children born to Samuel Mann.

Hon. George W. Mann, the father of our subject, was born in Landaff, N. H., February 20, 1821, and obtained his early education there. At the age of 14, he removed with his parents to Coventry (now Benton), where George W. has lived since, completing his education at Newbury Seminary, Vt. For a short time after leaving the Seminary, he was engaged in farming, and teaching school in the winters; but having learned the carpenter's trade, he finally gave all of his time and attention to building; his farm was still cultivated, however,

He has been very successful at his trade; his work as a contractor and a builder has taken him to all parts of the county. He was very conscientious in all of his work, and no faulty construction or poor lumber was allowed in any of his work. His first wife was Susan M., daughter of William Whitcher of Benton. Five children blessed this union, of whom Ezra B., whose sketch appears elsewhere, and George H., are the only ones living. Edward F., who died at the age of forty-eight, was at the time of his death Superintendent of the Concord & Montreal Railroad. The other two deceased were Osmond C. and Orrin L., who were twins. Mr. Mann's first wife died at the age of 29, and he married as his second wife Sarah T., daughter of Gad and Lilla Bisbee of Haverhill. Five children, all of whom are living, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mann by this marriage: Melvin J., Hosea B., Susan M., Minnie S., and Moses B. Mr. Mann is a strong Democrat, and occupies an important place in party politics. He has been Collector of Taxes; Superintendent of the School Committee; a member of the Highway Commission; Justice of the Peace for 40 years, and still the incumbent; Notary Public; delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1876; member of the State Board of Agriculture; and Representative from the town for eight years.

Melvin J. Mann lived in Benton until he was 21, and attended the common schools, working on the farm after he was 20. For six years before he was 21, he carried the mail from Benton to North Haverhill. At the age of 21, he became a brakeman on a freight train, working at that job for three years, when he was made a conductor of the train. For three more years he had charge of his freight train, when he was transferred to a passenger run, in 1883.

On Jan. 31, 1883, our subject united his fortunes with those of Mary, daughter of John A. and Elizabeth (Davis) Merrill; Mary Merrill was born in Kennebunkport, Me. John A. Merrill was born in Kennebunkport March 10, 1830, and followed the pursuit of agriculture; he was a son of John and Elizabeth (Record) Merrill of Kennebunkport, and a grandson of Obed and Judith (Durrell) Merrill, and great-grandson of John Merrill, who married a Miss Huckins. Elizabeth Record's father died when Elizabeth was

four years old; her mother, who was a Miss Brown before marriage, married again after the death of her first husband, her second partner being Seth Huff. Elizabeth Davis, our subject's mother-in-law, was born at Center Harbor, Nov. 28, 1832, and died at Woodsville, Aug. 6, 1895; she was a daughter of Ira and Mary (Lord) Davis. Our subject and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Mann is a member of the Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, of the I. O. O. F. He is also a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, Concord Division, No. 335. In politics he is a Democrat, and an enthusiastic advocate of the white metal. Mr. and Mrs. Mann have an adopted daughter, Maude P. Mann.

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REV. GEORGE E. BROWNE, at Center Haverhill, was born in Warren, N. H., May 31, 1841. He is a son of Jonas G. and Angela H. (Whiteman) Browne, and grandson of John and Olive (Colby) Browne; the latter was a niece of Daniel Webster. John Browne was of English descent, the son of Caleb Browne, the eldest of three brothers, who came from England. Caleb Browne was a soldier in the Revolution, and during part of his service an attendant on Gen. Washington. He endured many of the greatest hardships for freedom's sake; on many occasions his feet would become torn and bleeding, because of the lack of shoes.

Jonas G. Browne was born in Franklin, probably; his parents moved to Lyman, and thence to Coventry (now Benton), when he was a small child; he attended school in Lyman. Soon after his marriage with our subject's mother, he removed to Warren, where George E. Browne was born; after a few years he returned to Benton, where he lived till 1869, engaged in farming and lumber manufacturing. He came to Center Haverhill in 1869, and with our subject purchased what was known as the Metcalf farm, consisting of 150 acres, where he lived with his son till his death in his 76th year, Oct. 2, 1889. He served as selectman in Benton a number of years, when a resident of that town; he was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Second Adventists Church. His wife was born in Warren, and was a daughter of Richard and



Phoebe (Willoughby) Whitman, the latter a native of Holderness, N. H. Richard White-man was by trade a chair-maker, but spent most of his life in agricultural work; he was a soldier of the War of 1812, and drew a pension up to his death at the age of 70. His brother Stephen was also a soldier of the same war, and lived to be over 90 years of age. To Jonas G. Browne were born six children: Marium M., deceased; George E., the subject of this sketch; Olive died in infancy; Clara A., deceased; Cyrena M., deceased; Imogene P., who married Calvin Cummings of Ashland, N. H., and has one daughter, Sarah A. Mrs. Browne died Dec. 18, 1879, at the age of 65.

Rev. George E. Browne was reared in North Benton and attended the district schools until he was 21. From that time until his father's death, he was always associated with him in business. After his father's second marriage he moved to a farm he purchased near the Metcalf property, where his father settled. Several additional farms were purchased by our subject and his father. He also owned extensive real estate in Benton and Easton, N. H.,

Mr. Browne was married Sept. 9, 1863, at North Benton to Evaline D. Hutchins, who was born in Benton, the daughter of Noah C. and Hannah (Jesseman) Hutchins. Hannah Jesseman was born in Franconia, and was a daughter of Solomon and Hannah (Colby) Jesseman; Solomon's father, George Jesseman, came from the bonny land of Scotland. Noah Hutchins was born in Bradford, Vt., and was a son of Benjamin C. and Philena (Keith) Hutchins. Benjamin Hutchins, an iron founder in early life, and later a farmer, was residing near Plattsburgh, N. Y., at the time the battle of that name and locality took place. After coming to Benton, he was a maker of baskets, butter tubs, and wooden trays, in addition to farming; he lived to be 75 years old. Noah C. Hutchins was a farmer throughout his life; he died at the early age of 38. He was a Democrat and a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. To our subject and his wife seven children were born: Jonas N. married Emma Bancroft, and has five children; George Parker; Harry Raymond; Bertha May; Lilian Eveline; Hazel Theo; Allen M. married Lizzie Titus, and has one daughter, Beulah Helen; Abbie F. died at the age of ten; Marium M.,

a teacher; Ida C. married Mooers Clough, and lives near Center Haverhill; Josie L. died at the age of two years, nine months; Grace Edith. Both subject and his wife are members of the Second Adventists Church.

Rev. George Browne began studying and fitting himself for the ministry in the latter part of the 60's; he was ordained a minister of the gospel, Aug. 20, 1871, and is at present pastor of the Christian Church in East Roxbury, Vt. He has held preaching services in various places in New Hampshire, Vermont, and Canada. He is a member of Green Mountain Christian Union, and of the missionary society, entitled North New Hampshire Blessed Hope Convention. He was formerly a Democrat, but since his connection with the ministry, he has taken no active part in politics.

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UEL SPENCER, living on his farm on Lord's Hill, where he is engaged in dairy-farming, was born on his present farm, Dec. 19, 1839. He is a son of James and Paulina (Brown) Spencer, and grandson of Aaron Spencer.

Our subject's grandfather came to New Hampshire from Rhode Island or Connecticut, and was just getting a start in life, when the unfortunate accident occurred, in 1787, which terminated his career. He was working on a bridge near Pompanoosuc, and slipped and fell into the icy water; the chill that he received was too much for him, and he died from the effects of it. He had been married a short time to a Miss Fletcher; after Mr. Spencer's death, she married a Mr. Thatcher, and lived to be over ninety years old at her death.

James Spencer was born in Hanover in 1785, and held chiefly to the occupation of a farmer; when a young man he learned two trades, that of making spinning-wheels, and later that of painting. From the age of two until he was fourteen, he lived in Bennington, Vt., his father having died, and in that place and in other localities in Vermont in which he lived he attended the schools. When about twenty-one he returned from Vermont to his native town Hanover, and made it his home until his death in 1856, at the







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age of seventy-one. There were born to him eleven children, four boys and seven girls, seven children by his first wife, and four by the second. Our subject is the only one living of the entire family, in which he was the ninth child. His mother, who was Paulina Brown before her marriage, was a daughter of Abraham Brown, and was born in the town of Hanover.

Uel Spencer has always lived on the home farm in Hanover; he attended school in the winter months until twenty years of age. The summer of 1861 he worked out, and in the fall joined the army. He enlisted Oct. 4, 1861, in the 7th Regiment, N. H. Vol. Inf.; he served two years and four months, and was mustered out Feb. 4, 1864. He belonged to the southern department, and saw service in Florida and South Carolina, being present at the battle of Morris Island, and at the Siege of Charleston. He was wounded Sept. 7, 1863, in the foot, and was not able to stand on his foot for a year. Upon his return from convalescing from his wound, he farmed as well as he could. His brother had charge of the farm, and he worked for his brother in the summer of 1865; his brother died in the month of November of that year. Since 1866 our subject has carried on the farm alone. A number of years ago, when so many sheep were raised in New Hampshire, and a good price was given for the product, he conducted his farm as a sheep-farm; the farm consists of 150 acres, and is now devoted to dairying.

Mr. Spencer was married June 3, 1868, in Hanover, to Ruth F. Emerson, who was born in that town, and was a daughter of Moses C. and Sarah S. (Freeman) Emerson. The parents of Sarah Freeman moved to Alabama, where she lived until she was ten years of age, and they died; she then returned to the town of Lyme, where she lived with an aunt. Moses C. Emerson was the father of eleven children, six by his first wife, four by his second, and one by his third; of these eleven children, Mrs. Spencer was the second in order of birth. Moses C. Emerson was a son of Moses and Abigail (Hughes) Emerson, the former a son of Robert Emerson, who married a Miss Watts. Mrs. Spencer's great-grandmother Hughes, nee Sarah Freeman, lived to be 101 years old. She married Nathaniel Hughes.

Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, as follows: Myra; James, a member of the Morning Star Grange of Lyme; Kathrina Emerson, a student at the Normal School at Plymouth; and Louise E. The family's religious beliefs are embodied in the doctrines of the Congregational Church, of which they are leading members; Mr. Spencer is a Deacon. Mr. Spencer is a member of the G. A. R., L. D. Gove Post, No. 56, of Hanover Village. His politics are Republican, and he has served as road surveyor, and as a member of the school committee.

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HON. GEO. H. ADAMS, ex-Judge Advocate General on the staff of Governor Smith, is a native of Campton, where he was born, May 18, 1851. After the usual training in the public schools, he entered Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, and fitted for college.

He graduated from Dartmouth College with the Class of '73, and at once became principal of the High School at Middleboro, Mass., where he remained one year; at the end of that time turning to his chosen profession, the law, as a student in the office of Hon. Henry W. Blair at Plymouth.

In 1876 he was admitted to the bar, and in that year also came his first political honor in the form of an election to the Constitutional Convention. This has since been followed by membership in the Legislature of 1883, in which he performed the duties, attendant upon a prolonged and somewhat turbulent session, with great display of zeal and skill. In 1889 he was appointed a deputy collector of internal revenue for his district, and then received an appointment on the Governor's staff, in '93 and '94. He is president of the Pemigewasset National Bank of Plymouth. He lives in Plymouth, where he practices law, as the partner of Hon. Alvin Burleigh.

General Adams is eminently qualified for the positions he has held. He is now serving as solicitor of Grafton Co. In disposition, he is one of the most genial of men; a merry, laughter-loving spirit wins him friends, and back of that lies a measure of ability and a capacity for work that make him a dangerous antagonist at



the bar, and that fit him to adorn high places in the esteem of associates and acquaintances.

General Adams has long since given promise of success. His law practice has covered every portion of preparation and pleading; his social duties, calling him into every field of activity, have developed the gentlemanly qualities that need no nurture. We are indeed pleased to be able to present General Adams's portrait, as a rising young lawyer of the county, and as one, who has won many laurels in his profession.

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CHESTER M. FAIRBANKS, a practical, scientific farmer, living near the village of Hanover, N. H., was born in Cornish, N. H., Nov. 30, 1822; he is a son of Rufus and Sarah (Wakefield) Fairbanks.

The founder of the American branch of the Fairbanks family was one George Fairbanks, who emigrated from Somerby, West Riding, Yorkshire, England, in 1633, making the long ocean voyage in the good ship "Speedwell." In 1636 he erected a dwelling in Dedham, Mass., so substantial and durable in its structure that it is in good condition after the storms and vicissitudes of two centuries and a half, and is occupied at the present time by the family of one of his descendants. He died in Dedham, Dec. 5, 1668. His wife, who bore him seven children, bore the name of Grace. His son, Jonathan, was born in England, and came to America with him; he lived in Dedham with his parents at first, but finally moved to Sherborn, in 1657; he served as selectman of the town. Seven children were born to him and his wife. The second child in the family, George Fairbanks, was the father of Eleazer Fairbanks, Sr., who was born June 8, 1655, and lived in Sherborn, Mass., as early as 1680; his wife was Martha Bullard. Eleazer Fairbanks was selectman in 1703. Eleazer's son, Capt. Eleazer Fairbanks, lived in Sherborn, Mass.; he was born Dec. 12, 1690, and died Sept. 19, 1741.

The great-grandfather of our subject, Rev. Eleazer Fairbanks, son of Capt. Eleazer, was born in Sherborn, Mass., July 23, 1716, and married Prudence Carey. They removed to Killingly, Conn., and later to Munson, Mass.,

where Mr. Fairbanks died. He was a minister of the Congregational Church.

Abel Fairbanks, the grandfather of Chester M. Fairbanks, was born May 12, 1754, in Brownfield, Mass., whence he removed to Cornish, N. H. He was a farmer, and carpenter of steady and industrious habits, much looked up to by his neighbors for his sterling worth and good common sense. Personally he was a fine-appearing man, large and robust in stature, with a pleasant, kindly countenance, which was lit up with a smile for everyone. He married Hannah Hobbs, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Flint) Hobbs; she was the eighth of eleven children in her parents' family. Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks moved to Sharon, Vt., in 1873, and lived there four years, and then moved to Fairfield, Vt., where Mr. Fairbanks died March 27, 1842; his wife passed away April 9, 1840. They were members of the Congregational Church.

Rufus Fairbanks was born in Sharon, Vt., June 18, 1785, and died in Cornish, N. H., Feb. 16, 1863; he was a farmer all his life, and much esteemed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was a member of the Congregational Church. Dec. 12, 1819, he married Sarah Wakefield, who was born in Newport, N. H., April 26, 1785, and died March 15, 1871. She was a daughter of Jonathan Wakefield, who married a Miss Fletcher; Jonathan Wakefield was a farmer most of his life, and a blacksmith in his early days, being very ingenious at his trade. He was a Free Will Baptist, and it is thought he was a Democrat, and it is also likely that he fought in the War of the Revolution. The Fairbanks family were of large service to the Continental Army in its fight with the soldiers of King George, for there were over two hundred Fairbanks whose names appear on the rolls. The first postmaster of the City of Boston was a Richard Fairbanks.

Chester M. Fairbanks was reared in Cornish, N. H., where he lived until twenty-seven years of age, attending the district schools until he was eighteen. At the latter age he learned the carriage-maker's trade, and worked in Cornish three years as an apprentice, and five years as a journeyman. He then went to White River Junction, and worked five years and a half as a pattern maker, also manufacturing several hun-

dred hand-cars for the railroad. In 1855 he removed to Lebanon, and was employed in the machine shops there twenty-four years. In 1879 he came to his present farm in Hanover, of 112 acres. Although he has ostensibly been engaged at his vocation of a farmer since he has settled in Hanover, yet he has been called frequently to Lebanon to work at his trade. Mr. Fairbanks is the inventor of a roller gauge for circular saw, which is the best ever put on the market, and is used all over the country, for it has established a solid reputation as a superior article; it is known as "Fairbanks' Roller Gauge."

Mr. Fairbanks was united in marriage Feb. 11, 1855, at Hartland, Vt., to Mary E. G. Le Seur, who was born in Stow, Mass., and is a daughter of John and Sophrona (Gates) Le Seur, both of whom were born in Massachusetts. John Le Seur, as the name indicates, was of French origin; his wife was a daughter of Joel Gates, who married a Miss Piper. Five children, as follows, have blessed the union of our subject and his wife: Hattie Sophrona, deceased; Mary Esther; Jennie Maria, who married Thomas A. Lampshire of Woodstock, Vt.; George; and Frank A. Frank A. married Lilla Clough of Norwich, and makes his home at Woodstock, Vt.

George Fairbanks was born March 10, 1862, and was a student in the district schools till he was seventeen years of age. He does an extensive business throughout the county in farm implements and fertilizers. He was married in Hanover, N. H., July 5, 1884, to Jennie M. Babbitt, a native of Hanover, and a daughter of Leonard H. and Rachel N (Merrill) Babbitt, whose deaths occurred Feb. 14 and 17, 1892. Rachel Merrill was a daughter of Nathaniel and Rachel (Morse) Merrill. Leonard Babbitt was a son of Isaac and Wealthy (Lovejoy) Babbitt. To George Fairbanks and his wife have been born two children: Jennie May; and Ethel Esther. George and his wife are members of Rebecca Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 25, of Lebanon. He is a member of the Good Samaritan Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 75, of Hanover; he has served as P. G. and as delegate to the Grand Lodge; he is also a member of Morning Star Encampment of Lebanon; and a member of Canton Hanover of White River Junction. He is also

a member of the Grange, belonging to Grafton Star Grange, No. 60, and also to the Junior Order of American Mechanics of Hanover.

Our subject is a Republican in politics, and has served as road surveyor. Chester M. served as a member of the school committee. He has served on the Jury of the United States Circuit Court at Concord, N. H. On the night of Aug. 7, 1893, Mr. Fairbanks' barn was struck by lightning and totally consumed by fire. The new one, erected in the place of the old structure, thus destroyed, is a model of convenience. Pipes from the village mains supply water to the farm, and furnish power to run a water motor, which in turn transforms the power so that the machines for grinding feed, the churn, and the separator, are all run in the simplest manner, with very little trouble. Mr. Fairbanks makes a fine quality of gilt-edged butter for the market, which finds a ready sale in the large cities at fancy prices.

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DR. EDMUND HERBERT NOYES, a rising young physician of Haverhill, came to that town, and entered upon his present well-defined practice May 1, 1896. His elementary education to the age of twelve was secured in the schools of his native town, Newburyport, Mass.; arriving at that age, he went into a drug store to clerk for the proprietor, and employed his spare time in studying medicine under the direction of Drs. Samuel G. Tilton and George W. Montgomery, graduates of Bowdoin College. For two months our subject was in the drug store, and then was two more years in a grocery store, one year in a hardware store, and in a drygoods store for one year. In 1882 he entered the Medical Department of the University of Ohio at Cincinnati, and graduated in 1885. The initial years of his practice were spent in Cambridgeport and Gloucester, Mass., coming direct from the latter named place to Haverhill.

The grandfather of Dr. Noyes was Samuel M. Noyes, who was born at and spent his life in Newburyport, Mass., engaged chiefly as a bill-poster and as a stage-driver, driving from Boston to Newburyport. He was an advanced Mason, having taken the 33d degree. He was a son of Samuel Noyes, a grocer of Newburyport,



who died when about 60 years of age. Samuel M. Noyes married Mary B. Chaney of South Berwick, Me., and from this worthy couple is the father of our subject descended. Mr. Noyes died in 1870, when over 75 years of age.

William S. Noyes, the father of Dr. Edmund Herbert, was born at Newburyport, Mass., and died at the age of 41, in 1876. He followed the express business throughout his life, being the local agent for the express company in that town. He never belonged to any fraternal order. He was lieutenant of the old Cushing Guards organization, and a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. During the progress of the late war he was drafted for the service, and desired to go, but was rejected because of a disability received from the kick of a horse when he was a boy. He carried a gold medal five years for his marksmanship in the Cushing Guards, and also had in his possession for five years a gold cup for the best shot. Before the days of the railroad he used to do a good deal of stage driving. He married Emma Hinchey, who was born in London, England, the daughter of John and Ann S. Hinchey. John was a shoemaker by trade and left the old country about 1849, and took up a new home in Old Haverhill, Mass. Both he and his wife are now deceased. John Hinchey was a son of Dr. John Hinchey, a mason and great temperance man, who held a prominent place in the medical circles of London.

Dr. Edmund Herbert Noyes was born in Newburyport, Mass., Feb. 16, 1865, and passed the years of his boyhood there. He was the sixth child of the following seven children born to his parents: Emma Florence, William Alton, Charles Dickens, Kate Bassett, Ella M., Edmund Herbert, and Ernest Waldron.

Dr. Noyes belongs to the Order of Sons of Temperance, and was Deputy Grand Patriarch from 1890 to 1896; in 1892 he was appointed State Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch, and in 1893 was elected Grand Conductor, having filled all offices that were subordinate to it in the division. He is a member of Wennchins Division, No. 41, of Lynn. In 1894 he was on the committee of finance and foreign correspondence. He is a member of the K. P., Syracuse Lodge, No. 3, of Ipswich, Mass., and has served as master-at-arms one term, keeper of the R.

and S. two times, and as a member of the staff. He is also a member of Philo Senate, No. 371, Gloucester, Mass., a lodge of the Knights of the Ancient Essenic Order, in which he was a charter member, and served as surgeon of it. He was a member of the committee of finance of the grand senate, which met at Springfield, Mass.

Dr. Noyes was married Feb. 21, 1892, at Salem, Mass., to Emma S. Spencer of Ipswich, Mass., a daughter of James E. Spencer of Wilmot, Nova Scotia. Her mother was Lucy Sanford of Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer: May Irene, Emma Sanford, Maude Blanche, Sadie Luella, Osee Delia, William Ernest, Dan Freeman, Lucy Belle, Henry Walter, Ingram Benjamin, John Albert, and John Albert. To our subject and his wife has been born one child: Clifford Alton, May 14, 1893. Mrs. Noyes is a member of the M. E. Church. In politics Dr. Noyes is a Republican and served on the Republican City Committee of Gloucester for two years. He came within two votes of being elected city physician of Gloucester. He is vice-president of the Puritan Club of Gloucester. In his medical practice he is progressive and up-to-date in all of his methods, and deigns to use only the best and latest appliances in the art of healing. Few physicians have so completely gained and secured the confidence and good-will of their patrons as Dr. Noyes.

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EBEN C. WEED, the leading general merchant of Oliverian Village, "The Brook," in the town of Haverhill, Grafton County, N. H., is the eighth of ten children born to William and Susan (Davis) Weed; our subject's brothers and sisters in order of birth were named as follows: George, Miriam, Elijah, Jane, Rhoda Ann, Joseph, Lois, Eben C., and two who died in infancy. William Weed was the son of Joseph Weed, an old settler of Vermont, coming from the State of Maine. Joseph Weed was a Republican in politics; he married Susan Currier, a lady of Scotch extraction, and lived to be nearly ninety years old. William Weed was reared at Topsham, Vt., and passed his life there, en-



gaged in the pursuits of agriculture, dying in 1886, at the age of 82. He was a strong Republican, and formerly an old line Whig. When a young man, he was struck in the head by a club, and his skull crushed, and ever after he wore a silver plate to protect the tender spot.

Eben C. Weed was born at Gratton, Vt., June 12, 1841; from the age of two years, he was reared in Topsham, where he attended schools until about eighteen, undergoing such difficulties in the securing an education, as walking five miles every morning of the eight weeks of winter school. Mr. Weed enlisted Sept. 3, 1861, at Haverhill, in Company I, 4th Regiment, N. H. Vol. Inf., and served four years, being discharged Aug. 28, 1865; during this time he was home twice on furlough. He went in as a private, and left the army a first lieutenant. He saw service in the States of South Carolina, Florida, North Carolina, and Virginia, and was present at the following struggles: 'Taking of Port Royal, Ft. Pulaski, Ft. Marion at St. Augustine, Ft. Fisher, Petersburg, Cold Harbor, and White House Landing.

Upon Mr. Weed's return from the army, he worked in a paper-mill for three or four years, and then went into the lumber business at Topsham, Vt., for six years. After seven years more work in the manufacture of paper, he filled out six years as deputy sheriff, and jailor, being appointed in 1885; then for one year he was not actively engaged in business. In 1892 Mr. Weed bought the residence, store and stock of F. T. Kirnan, at "The Brook," and is now carrying on an extensive business in his well-stocked general country store.

Our subject was married Dec. 10, 1865, in Piermont, to Helen Frances Burns, the daughter of James and Rachel (Hilliard) Burns, and granddaughter of James, Sr., and Mary Emily (Hunt) Burns. James Burns, Sr., was born in the barracks of the standing army of Great Britain, in which associations he was brought up; during the years of his army connection he was all over the world, wherever the British army goes. Coming to America he secured employment as a weaver of cassimere and such goods on hand looms. He then went into a factory as a dresser of cloth. Rachel Hilliard was born in Corinth, Vt., and was a daughter of Samuel and Rachel L. (Lovell) Hilliard;

Samuel Hilliard was a farmer, and a son of Ebenezer Hilliard, also a farmer by occupation. Rachel Lovell was a daughter of Nehemiah and Sophia (Taplin) Lovell; three of her brothers were taken prisoners in the operations around Plattsburgh, N. Y., during the Revolutionary War, and taken to Montreal, Canada. To James and Rachel (Hilliard) Burns were born the following children: Abigail G. married Alexander Smith of Topsham, Vt.; Helen Frances, the wife of our subject; Clarissa Elmira married Allen Hood of Boston, Mass.; and James C., who lives in Richford, Vt. Helen Frances Burns was born in Grafton, Mass., and was reared and educated in Topsham, Vt. When fourteen years of age, a Presbyterian minister, attracted by her superior ability, encouraged her to teach school; he secured a suitable school for her, and from that time she taught a number of summer schools. Later on she taught winter schools, containing from thirty to thirty-five pupils. Her mother is still living and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Weed.

To our subject and his wife has been born one son, Allah C., who departed this life at the age of nineteen. Mr. Weed is a member of the G. A. R., Nat Westgate Post, No. 50, of North Haverhill, and has held all the chairs. He is a Mason, belonging to Grafton Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 46, of Haverhill.

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SILAS CHANDLER, a farmer, living at Aetna, town of Hanover, now retired from active work at his calling, was born near Aetna March 27, 1819; he is a son of Silas, Sr., and Diana (Davis) Chandler.

The Chandler family in America sprang from William and Annis Chandler, who came from England in 1637, settling at Roxbury, Mass.; four of the six children born to them could claim England as their birth-place; the other two were born in this country. William Chandler was a Christian, God-fearing man like his Puritan associates. Of property he possessed no very large amount, being a small land-owner; his sons were far more successful in life in a worldly way, and became very well-to-do. William Chandler died of consumption the 26th of

November, 1641. Of his six children, John, known as Deacon John, was the fifth; he married Elizabeth Douglas Feb. 16, 1658. She was born in Woodstock, Conn., in 1610, and died July 23, 1705, in New London; her father, William Douglas, governor of the colony of New London, Conn., married Anna Mattle, a daughter of Thomas Mattle of Northampton, Eng. Deacon John Chandler, Sr., served many years as selectman, and was moderator in 1694. He was a deacon of the church, under Rev. Josiah Dwight, and died at the age of sixty-eight, April 15, 1703. Hon. John Chandler, the son of the above, married Mary Raymond of Woodstock, Conn., who was born in New London, Conn., March 12, 1671-72. He was a very prominent man of that time, and a leader in all town enterprises. In the militia he held the different offices of Captain, Major, and Colonel at various times. He was town surveyor, and a representative at General Court in Boston, in 1711. He represented the town in the legislative body of the Colony of Connecticut, and for sixty-nine days service received £15:8:0., as the old records give it. He was also the First Judge of Probate for Worcester County, Conn. He obtained a license to keep a place of public entertainment, and thus became one of the earliest landlords of his town.

Hon. John Chandler's grandson, Daniel Chandler, is the grandfather of our subject, Silas Chandler, Jr. Daniel Chandler came from Connecticut at an early date, and settled in almost the center of the town of Hanover, as one of its pioneers; he died at the age of ninety-four. He was married in his native State to Mary Galusha.

Silas Chandler, Sr., was born in the town of Hanover, N. H., and pursued the vocation of a farmer until his death, at the age of seventy-nine. His wife, who lived to the age of sixty-seven, was a daughter of Basiliel and Mary (Wright) Davis. Three children were born to our subject's parents, as follows: Charles Galusha; Silas; and Diana.

Silas Chandler, Jr., passed his boyhood days in the town of Hanover; when seventeen years old, he started out for himself, and learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, serving his apprenticeship in Concord with John Miller. Becoming a journeyman at the age of twenty, he

worked at his trade about Hanover and Manchester, N. H., for a time, and then went to Utica, N. Y., and worked in a machine shop in a suburb of that city, until the outbreak of the war. He enlisted Sept. 23, 1862, in Company F, 26th Regiment, N. Y. Vol. Inf., and was discharged March 12, 1863, having been injured when jumping a ditch, when going into the Battle of Fredericksburg. Returning to Utica, N. Y., he remained but a year and a half, removing then to Hanover, where he engaged in farming until 1880, when he gave up farm labor, and bought his present home, where he lives with his sister. In politics he is a staunch adherent of the Republican organization. He is a member of L. D. Gove Post, G. A. R., of Hanover. He is a man of honorable, upright intentions, and may be deservedly called a helpful, earnest citizen of a family, which has been long identified with Hanover's growth.

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FRANK W. JOHNSON, a passenger conductor on the B. & M. R. R., and a resident of Woodsville, N. H., was born in Guilford, N. H., March 13, 1861, and is a son of William L. and Lydia A. (Whitten) Johnson, and grandson of Nathaniel and Catherine Johnson. Nathaniel Johnson was a farmer of Talmouth, N. H. His son, William L., was born in Talmouth, N. H., and was engaged in agricultural labors previous to the war. At the Battle of Gettysburg he lost an arm; upon his return home he took up the trade of a machinist, dying Sept. 28, 1895. In politics he was a firm, unyielding Republican, and took a keen interest in local and national issues; went as representative from the town of Guilford in 1877-8 to the Legislature. Religiously he favored the Free Will Baptist Church. He married Lydia A. Whitten, daughter of Albert and Elmina, who lived in Lakeport; the former lived to be 80 years of age. Frank W. Johnson is the third of five children born to them, of whom two survive. Our subject was reared at Guilford and Lakeport, attending the High School at Lakeport.

At the age of 13, he first became connected with railroad life, obtaining a position at that age in the railroad office at Lakeport. At the age of 14, he began braking, and kept it up







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for four years. At the age of 18, he took charge of a freight run as conductor. In 1883 he was given a passenger run, which he has held ever since. On June 1, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Jackson, who was born in Warren, and is a daughter of George W. and Catherine C. Jackson. Mrs. Johnson is an attendant of the Episcopal Church of Woodsville. Mr. Johnson is a 32d Degree Mason, being a member of Kane Lodge, No. 64; Franklin Chapter, No. 5; Omega Council, No. 9; St. Girard Commandery, K. T.; Edward A. Raymond Consistory; Mt. Sinai Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also an Odd Fellow, belonging to Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F. He is also a member of the New England Division, No. 157, of the Order of Railway Conductors of Boston. Mr. Johnson's social qualities are well developed, and he is very popular among his fellow employees. To the patrons of the road he is ever the same, obliging, whole-souled and genial in his manner.

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HON. WILLIAM G. HULL, Postmaster of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of Moses Hull, and grandson of Jonathan Hull.

Jonathan Hull was a farmer by occupation and an early settler of Hebron, N. H. He passed the greater part of his life in that town; the last few years, however, were spent in Plymouth, where he died at the age of eighty-one. His first wife was Miss Lovejoy of Hebron. Five children were the result of this union: Jonathan, Jr., Moses, Jacob, Nathaniel, and Phineas. His second wife was Lois Merrill of Rumney, N. H. Jonathan Hull was a self-educated man. His judgment was remarkably sound and discriminating; his decisions in matters of dispute often prevented law-suits. He was very conscientious in all his dealings, and once having fully shaped an opinion, he was very slow to change it. He did not receive much school education in his youth, but obtained his knowledge from that grand book of Nature—experience and observation. He was a voracious reader and acquired great stores of knowledge by his regular habits of reading. His children all inherited a taste for music, which he took some pains to develop, so that all became quite accomplished in the art.

Moses Hull was born on the homestead in

Hebron. He received his somewhat limited education in the schools of Plymouth. He assisted in the cultivation of his father's farm during his parent's lifetime. The last fifteen years were spent with his son, William G. Hull in Plymouth, and no one that ever lived there was more respected than he. Although a man of excellent judgment and well qualified to hold office, he could never be prevailed upon to accept any of the public posts of responsibility and trust, always declining on the plea that he had not sufficient education to satisfy the requirements of the office. It would be a grand thing for our country if every office-seeker and office-holder were governed by a similar scruple. He was thoroughly honest and an exemplary citizen. He was married to Zilpha, daughter of Isaac Ward of Plymouth. She was born on what is known as Ward Hill. She was an excellent wife and mother, and lived a long, useful life, replete with good deeds, dying at the age of seventy-seven. Mr. Hull finished this life and was called home in his seventy-sixth year. Four children were born to them: William G., the subject of this sketch; Harriet A. (Stafford), who is now living on her grandfather's old homestead on Ward Hill; Arthur W. was accidentally killed at the age of fifteen; and Mary E., who died, aged thirteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Hull were members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Hull was a Democrat.

William G. Hull was born in Plymouth, Dec. 13, 1826. He received his education in the district schools, and in Holmes Academy. At an early age he started out to fight life's battles. With a small bundle of his possessions under his arm he came into the village of Plymouth and secured a place to work for his board and to attend school. After spending two seasons in Holmes Academy he was informed by his instructor that he was qualified to teach. He accordingly obtained a school and taught for one season; but as he was offered a chance to clerk in a store, he dropped school teaching and accepted the offered position. A few years later he engaged in the mercantile business on his own account and carried it on for three years. He then went into the manufacturing of gloves in the firm of Ward, McQuesten & Hull, at that time the largest firm of that kind in town. He remained in this business for five years and then

opened up a summer boarding house and continued managing the same until 1880, when he lost his wife.

After her death he went to Livermore and superintended a large lumbering business for fifteen years. In 1895, upon the request of his many friends, he accepted the Postmastership of Plymouth, and is now serving in the second year of his term.

Mr. Hull was married, in 1854, to Elizabeth, daughter of Benaiah S. Crockett of Holderness. Mrs. Hull was born July 6, 1828, in Holderness; she was a lady of high culture, gifted as a writer, but especially loved and respected as a wife, a mother, and a friend. She died in October, 1880, and left two children: Arthur C. and Heber W. Arthur C. is a traveling salesman, representing the wholesale house of J. C. Norris & Co. of Concord, N. H. Heber W. is a conductor on the Boston & Maine R. R.; both brothers make their home in Plymouth.

Mr. Hull has his own self to thank for his present success; it took many years of toil and sacrifice, but it was worth the price. The difficulties he encountered in obtaining an education have made him the friend and assistant of many a young person, who has been desirous of securing an education or a place in the business world. He has often advanced them money to tide them over pressing difficulties; his thoughtful acts are held in grateful memory by many a young person, now entering upon a successful career. In commercial circles he has proved himself to be a most competent business man and qualified to fill any office of trust. He is an attendant of the Congregational Church. In politics, he is a pronounced Democrat, and has served in all the town offices, from road agent to representing the town in the State Legislature. While a representative he served as a member of the Committee for the Asylum for the Insane at Concord, and as chairman directed its business. Such duties as devolved upon him were performed in a faithful and painstaking manner; he has at many times received compliments for his efficient work.

As one of the leading and representative citizens of Grafton Co., and worthy to be classed with the best in the State, we place a portrait of Mr. Hull in this volume, in connection with this sketch.

ALBERT PINNEO, a selectman of the town of Hanover, living on his farm, which is situated on the north slope of Prospect Hill, was born in the same house in which he now lives, June 26, 1844. He is a son of Orramel and Laura (Foster) Pinneo. The latter was a daughter of Caleb Foster, who lived at Salisbury, N. H., a tanner by trade, who lived to be eighty-six years old. His daughter was born in Hanover, N. H. Her first husband was a brother of Orramel Pinneo, Jesse, who left no issue when he died.

The Pinneo family is of French descent. The great-great-grandfather of our subject, James Pinneo, was a Huguenot of Lyons, France, who was forced to flee his native country, like many others of his associates, to escape the persecution that followed close after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. He left France about 1685, and was a lad of sixteen summers when he landed at Plymouth, Mass., without a cent in his pocket to pay even his passage. As the custom was then, the captain of the vessel sold him to a person, who, in return for the services of this bond-servant for a stipulated length of time, paid the passage money. He was accordingly sold for a period of four years, but he proved himself to be so good and faithful a servant, that he was released in less than one year. On July 22, 1717, he bought land at Lebanon, now Columbia, Conn., where the family made their home for many generations. Previous to this he had owned a farm in Bristol, R. I., which he purchased April 2, 1713; he was a weaver by trade. May 9, 1706, he married Dorothy, his wife.

James Pinneo, known as Deacon James Pinneo, son of the James, of whom we have spoken above, was born in Bristol, R. I., probably; he married Priscilla Newcomb, June 16, 1731, and died Feb. 18, 1789, aged eighty-one years. His wife was called to her long home Jan. 5, 1792, at the age of 82. Deacon James Pinneo, Jr., was born April 5, 1734, and married Jerusha Strong Jan. 8, 1758; his wife died June 14, 1824.

Joseph Pinneo, the grandfather of our subject, and son of the preceding, was born Nov. 1, 1718, in Columbia, Conn., from which locality he came to our subject's farm, when his son Orramel was four years old; this was in 1793. He married Azuba Wright, daughter of Jabez Wright;



he died Feb. 8, 1845. He served in the Revolutionary Army from Connecticut. His wife died Aug. 21, 1856, aged ninety-one years. There is an apple-tree standing on our subject's farm, that bore fruit the year after his grandfather, Joseph Pinneo, came here, over one hundred years ago.

Orramel Pinneo was born in Columbia, Conn., Nov. 25, 1789, and after coming to Hanover with his parents spent the rest of his life on our subject's farm; he died at the age of ninety, Jan. 13, 1879. He was educated in the district schools, and afterwards was a teacher. He served the town of Hanover as selectman, road surveyor, school committeeman; politically, he was a Whig, and later a Republican. In the Congregational Church of Hanover, of which he was a devoted member, he was Deacon. By his first marriage he was joined with Eunice Hough, and became the parent of seven children; his second marriage to the widow of his brother, Jesse Pinneo, who died without issue, was productive of one child, Albert, the subject of this personal history.

Albert Pinneo was raised on the farm where he was born, and has since lived; until the age of twenty-three, he spent much of his time in obtaining an education, attending the district schools, and employing two years very profitably in Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, N. H. Before finishing his schooling he had clerked one year for an uncle in Compton, Canada. When he left the Academy he taught one term of school, before he took up farming in earnest on the farm, where he has been located since; the farm comprises 155 acres, and is given up to dairy-farming, and to the raising of fruit.

Mr. Pinneo became a married man January, 1874, his nuptials with Mary A. Cross of Hartford, Vt., being consummated at that date; she was a daughter of Thomas W. Cross, who married Mary Lord. Our subject's union has resulted in the birth of four children, all of whom are living: Fred; Charles, who lives at Lebanon, N. H., where he is employed as a cutter in an overall factory; Laura; and Henry. Our subject and his estimable wife, a true and ever faithful helpmate, are both members of Grafton Star Grange of Hanover. Politically he is a Republican, and wields no small amount of influence among the voters of Hanover. He has

been President for three years of the Republican Club of the town, and is now the incumbent. He has held a number of the town offices, among which are those of ballot clerk, road agent, selectman since March, 1896, and a member of the school board for four years, during all of which period he has been treasurer, and chairman for two years.

The family were pioneers in the fruit raising in this township. Joseph, his uncle, had a nursery on his farm.

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JOHN W. CHANDLER, who is engaged in farming near Prospect Hill, was born on Chandler Hill, near the center of the town of Hanover, Nov. 16, 1823. He is a son of Cyrus and Lucy (Davis) Chandler.

The first American ancestor of the Chandler family was William Chandler, who, with Annis, his wife, came from England in 1637, settling at Roxbury, Mass., where he was a small landowner. He was a church member, and a very good citizen. He died of consumption Nov. 26, 1641.

Of six children born to William and Annis Chandler, four of whom were born in England, Deacon John was the fifth. He married Elizabeth Douglas on the sixteenth of February, 1658; she was born in Woodstock, Conn., in 1640, and died July 23, 1705, at New London, Conn. She was a daughter of William Douglas and his wife Anna (Mattle), a daughter of Thomas Mattle of Ringstead, Northampton, England. William Douglas was governor of the colony of New London, Conn. Deacon John Chandler served as selectman many years, and was moderator in 1694, according to the town records. He was a Deacon in the church of Rev. Josiah Dwight. Deacon John Chandler died April 15, 1703, aged 68 years.

The son of the preceding, Judge John Chandler, married Mary Raymond of Woodstock, Conn. She was born in New London, Conn., March 12, 1671 or 1672. Judge John Chandler was a prominent and representative man of his day; he was the first Judge of Probate of Worcester County. He received a license to keep a house of entertainment. He was appointed town surveyor April 3, 1703. He served as

Captain, Major, and as Colonel in the militia, and was Major in the Indian War of 1722. He was representative in the General Court, held in Boston in 1711; in 1724-25 he served as representative sixty-nine days, for which he received for pay in the sum of £15: 8: 0.

Judge Chandler's son, William, was the father of William J. Chandler, who was one of the first settlers in the town of Hanover, coming from Pomfrey, Conn. He took up a tract of land on the hill, to which he gave his name; there he cleared a farm, and lived to the good old age of ninety years. His first marriage was with a Miss Grosvenor; his second was with a Miss Hill; and his third with Eunice Tenny, the grandmother of our subject.

Cyrus Chandler was born on the homestead on Chandler's Hill, and followed farming throughout the active period of his life. His wife, Lucy Davis, was a daughter of Bezaliel and Mary (Wright) Davis; the father of Mrs. Chandler was a farmer; he died prior to 1823, about 63 or 64 years of age. There were born to our subject's parents seven children, of whom the five living are: Bezaliel D. died at 65 years; William G. living at Hartford; Edwin C. residing at Lebanon; John W., the subject of this sketch; Lucy D., who married Nathaniel P. Merrill, and lives at Aetna; and Cyrus C., who makes his home in Enfield; Edwin C., first, who died in infancy.

John W. Chandler was reared on the Chandler homestead on Chandler's Hill, and attended the district schools during his youth, until he was eighteen, when the family moved to Aetna village. After a few years stay there they went to Norwich, Vt., where they resided five or six years; the family finally located in Hartford, Vt., where the parents died, the father at the age of seventy-six, and the mother at the age of sixty-nine. Our subject remained with his parents until he was thirty years old, when he married, and began farming for himself, renting a farm for one year near the village of Aetna, and one in Sharon, Vt., for a year. Mr. Chandler then purchased a farm in the town of Hanover, at the foot of Lord's Hill, and lived there twenty-nine years. In January, 1885, he bought his present farm of 115 acres, and has since been engaged in carrying on general farming, besides running a dairy of from ten to twelve cows.

Mr. Chandler was married April 2, 1854, in the village of Aetna, to Julia L. Dewey, who was born in Williamstown, Vt., of William and Mary (Fish) Dewey. Three children have been born to our subject and his wife: William Dewey; and Lucy M. and Mary E., both deceased. Our subject was a Deacon in the Baptist Church of Aetna village. In politics he is a Republican, as is his son.

William Dewey Chandler was born on the farm near Lord's Hill Feb. 9, 1857, and was reared in the town of Hanover, attending its district school. He is now living with his father, and assisting him in carrying on the farm. He was married July 4, 1885, in Hanover, to Katherine F. Mason, daughter of Julius J. and Lydia (Chandler) Mason. Julius J. Mason was a son of Stephen and Eunice (Hazen) Mason. Lydia Chandler was a daughter of Laban and Lydia (True) Chandler, and a granddaughter of William and Eunice (Tenny) Chandler, the grandparents of our subject. To William D. Chandler and his wife four children have been born: Lucy M.; Edwin C.; Julius M.; and Edith May.

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FRANKLIN P. CURRIER, a leading, well-to-do farmer of Haverhill, N. H., was born in Enfield, July 12, 1830. He is a son of Chellis and Susan (Foster) Currier, and grandson of Richard Currier.

Richard Currier came as one of the first settlers of Enfield, from Southampton, Mass.; the family came from England originally. The grandfather of our subject was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and drew a pension till his death. The old home, where he kept an inn for travelers in Enfield, is still standing. Richard Currier died about the year 1835 or 1836.

Chellis Currier was one of a family of two boys and two girls, and was probably born in Enfield; he followed the pursuit of agriculture through his life. Very quiet and reserved in manners, never taking an active interest in politics, so far as running for an office, yet he was a loyal Democrat. In religious belief he was a Universalist, and a man of exceptionally good morals. Susan Foster, his wife, was one of a



family of five boys and one girl, born in Hanover, to Richard Foster. Her mother was a Miss Greeley, a cousin of Horace Greeley. The union of Mr. Currier and Susan Foster was prolific of the following seven children: James A., deceased; George W. lives at Enfield; John lives at Danville, Vt.; Sarah Eliza lives at Enfield; Harriet E. is deceased; Franklin Pettingill is the subject of this short notice; Lucy Ann married Charles Titus and lives at Lebanon.

Our subject made his home in Enfield until his marriage, when about 34 years old; his education was secured in the common district schools, and in a one year's course in the Canaan Union Academy of Canaan, N. H. When nearly twenty-one he hired out to his brother, who was managing the home farm, after which he and his brother bought the property of their father, and for ten years carried on the farm in partnership, the old folks living with them in retirement. Then Franklin P. sold his share of the farm, went to Haverhill, and entered the tanning business. For about eight years he followed tanning at "The Brook," and when it was destroyed by fire, he bought his farm, where he now resides; it is made up of 200 acres lying between the river and the hills back of it.

Mr. Currier was married Jan. 1. 1861, at Boston, to Missouri E., daughter of David and Eliza (Whitmore) Whitmore; Miss Whitmore was born in St. Louis, Mo. David Whitmore, a son of Anthony Whitmore, was born in Newburyport, Mass.; Eliza Whitmore was a daughter of David Whitmore, Jr. To Mr. and Mrs. Currier were born three children: Norma Cutter married Leslie P. Snow, whose first wife was Susan Eliza, the second daughter of our subject; Susan Eliza bore her husband two children before her death, who were named: Conrad E., now aged seven years; and Leslie F., aged six years; Mr. Snow lives in Rochester, N. H.; Anzolette Austin married Timothy Blanchard of Menzana, Cal. Mrs. Currier is a member of the Congregational Church. In politics Mr. Currier is a Democrat, and has served as selectman for two years, and has also been a member of the school committee. He is a member of Haverhill Grange, No. 212. He is thorough-going and honest in all of his dealings, and is well entitled to the great respect in which he is held.

MOSES E. WITHINGTON, a prosperous farmer, living near Hanover, N. H., was born in the above town Jan. 31, 1828. He is a son of Francis and Joanna (Fitts) Withington, and grandson of Elias and Mary (McKean) Withington.

Our subject's grandfather is descended from one of three brothers, who landed in Boston in early colonial times. Elias was born in Henniker, and lived to the age of seventy-two, being engaged in farming all of his life. His son, Francis, our subject's father, was born in Henniker, N. H., and was sixteen years old when he came to the town of Hanover, where he followed his calling of a farmer until his death in the month of October, 1871, aged seventy-five years. He was ever a supporter of the Democratic Party, and took his turn with his neighbors in serving on the school committee, and in road surveying. He reared seven children, who were christened: Oscar R.; Moses E., the subject of this notice; Ephraim F.; Richard W.; Rhoda Ann; Lorinda C.; and Convers F. Of this family the only survivors are Moses E. and Lorinda.

The mother of our subject was born in Dorchester, N. H., of Richard and Mary (Powell) Fitts, the latter of whom was born in Henniker, N. H., Dec. 13, 1796. The first member of the Fitts family in America was Robert Fitts, who, with his wife, Grace D., came from Fitzford, Tavistock, Devon, England, in 1635, settling first in the colony of Ipswich, removing from there to Salisbury, of which town he was one of the original settlers; he died in Ipswich, to which he returned to pass his declining years. He was a man of superior education and high social standing, like many of the early Puritans, and was held in high esteem for his exceptional integrity. Abraham Fitts, his son, married Sarah Thompson, and became the father of the next in the line of descent to our subject, Richard Fitts, Sr. Richard Fitts was born Feb. 26, 1672, and married Sarah Thorne Jan. 16, 1891. His father conveyed to him all of his property in Salisbury, where Richard removed to, and there built himself a block house to protect his family from Indian raids. Richard Fitts, Jr., was born Jan. 20, 1705, married Sarah Brown April 16, 1727, and died Feb. 23, 1791. His wife was a daughter of Ephraim and Lydia



Brown, and was born Sept. 14, 1708. Their son, Ephraim Fitts, was born May 10, 1745, and died April 13, 1800; he was a soldier of the Revolution, being drafted from Chester; after the war he settled in South Hampton, where he became a prominent citizen. He was a tithing-man for three years, and held many other offices for longer and shorter periods. He was a blacksmith by trade. He was married Aug. 29, 1765, to Rhoda Worthen of Chester, N. H. Among their children was Richard Fitts, the father of our subject's mother; he was born Feb. 22, 1770, and died Oct. 6, 1835. He was one of the first settlers of Dorchester, N. H., settling there about 1791; in 1804 he went to Enfield, N. H., and still later he changed his residence to East Hanover, moving his goods with the aid of an ox team ten or twelve miles on the celebrated cold Friday, Jan. 19, 1810, without an overcoat over him.

Moses E. Withington was brought up on his father's farm on the east side of Moose Mountain in the town of Hanover, and remained under the parental roof until he was thirty-two, when he married, and set up an establishment of his own. He attended the district schools until he was twenty and then began to work out on the neighboring farms as a farm-hand. For ten years he was engaged in lumbering; he would purchase wood lots, cut the timber, and sell it. After his marriage he lived three years in Canaan, carrying on a lumbering business; he then went to Enfield, where he lived eighteen years, making his home on a small tract, and working out on farms, and in the woods. In 1881 Mr. Withington came to his present home, a farm consisting of 300 acres, given up to dairy-farming, and supporting from fifteen to twenty cows.

Mr. Withington took upon himself the marriage vows April 21, 1859, being united with Juliana C. Dwinels in the town of Canaan, her birthplace. Mrs. Withington is a daughter of James and Louisa (Crane) Dwinels, both of whom were from Hillsboro, where they were born and married. Of the five children born to them Juliana was the eldest. James Dwinels was a son of Jonathan and Rachel (Russell) Dwinels; Jonathan Dwinels was in the War of 1812, and his wife drew a pension after his death. Louisa Crane, Mrs. Withington's mother, was a daugh-

ter of Dr. Joshua Crane of Hillsboro. Mrs. Withington is a member of the Grange. They are both attendants of the M. E. Church. Mrs. Withington is a member of the Good Samaritan always been a Democrat, but has never accepted any office.

James Frank Withington, the only child, and son of our subject and his wife, married Annie Tinney, daughter of Philo and Augusta (Wright) Tinney, and is the father of five children, as follows: Julia Augusta; Stella Tinney; John Durkee; Robert Dyke; and Dean Elmer. Frank is a member of Grafton Star Grange, No. 60.

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ANDREW J. PIKE, an engineer on the B. & M. R. R., was born in Haverhill, N. H., Oct. 17, 1855. His father was Samuel Pike; he was born in Hebron. He and his wife, Mary S. (Jeffers) Pike, who was born in Benton, are still living in Lisbon, N. H., at the advanced ages of 82 and 79 years.

Our subject attended the common schools, and Haverhill Academy, finishing his education at the age of 17, with three terms of school in Newbury Academy. His parents were not in particularly comfortable circumstances, so Andrew was forced to support himself from an extremely early age. From the time he was nine till he was sixteen years of age, he worked on a farm for \$2 per month; at the latter age, he went to Bristol, and secured work in a carriage factory, where he labored three years, attending winter school in the Academy. He then engaged in the meat business one year in Newbury. Mr. Pike married his first wife at the age of 21, and moved to Ossipee, where he entered upon the manufacture of carriages in partnership with Charles Wiggins, continuing in the business for eighteen months. His next employment lasted nine months, during which time he performed the duties of trackman for the Eastern branch of the Eastern Railroad, from Portland to North Conway. Montpelier, Vt., became his next place of residence, running a stationary engine there for the Granite Works, until sickness compelled him to relinquish the situation. He returned to Haverhill, when he had recovered his health, and fired on the B. & M. R. R. for a period extending a little over



ence to the heavenly summons at the age of seventy-five, in 1838. Twelve children were born to them; among those who grew up to maturity were the following: Ezra, Betsey, Sabrina, and Lydia.

Ezra Sanger, our subject's father, was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., in 1804, and when a young man entered the store of John Clark as his clerk, and later opened a store of his own in the Center Village as the first merchant of the village. Upon his removal to Troy, Vt., he sold his business and entered upon the manufacture of potash and shoes in his new home, besides running a store of general merchandise; it was during this period that Dr. Sanger was born. In 1834 Ezra Sanger sold his interests and moved to Honeoye Falls, N. Y., where he identified himself in the mercantile life of that place till his death in 1840 of consumption. His wife, Sarah M. Brown, who was an adopted daughter of John Clark, her parents having died when she was a child, bore Mr. Sanger the following children: Maria, Ellen, Thaddeus E., Mary Ann, and Benjamin. Our subject's mother married as her second husband Thomas Gleason, and was blessed with one child, Fanny; Mrs. Gleason finally departed this life at the age of fifty, with a complaint of lung trouble. Ezra Sanger was a Whig in politics, as was his father before him, but never felt inclined to run for any office. He was liberal in his religious views. Sarah Brown Sanger was a granddaughter of John Ide, who was a soldier in a Massachusetts regiment in the Revolution. Her grandfather on her father's side, John Brown, was also a soldier of the Revolution.

Dr. Sanger's early education was obtained in the common schools of the town in which he lived; he then entered St. Johnsbury Academy and finished the course at the age of eighteen, going from there to Toledo, Ohio, where he taught school for a time. Soon after he accepted a situation as a clerk in a drug store; there he first applied himself seriously to the study of his profession, and availed himself of every chance moment of time, even breaking in on needed hours for rest to further his knowledge in the theory of the healing art. After two years of well-employed time in the drug store he attended medical lectures in Philadelphia, and then put himself under the direction of Drs. Stone and Sanborn of St. Johnsbury, Vt. He also studied

medicine in the office of Dr. Darling at Lyndon, Vt. Backed by his powerful will and assisted in his study by his well-formed trait of perseverance, he made rapid progress, and soon entered the Homeopathic College at Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1856 and located immediately at Hardwick, Vt., where he remained two years, coming from there to Littleton, July 12, 1858, with a reputation already established. His long and varied practice since in Littleton and its vicinity has developed into one of the best, both from a financial and a professional standpoint.

He can claim the distinction of being the first physician of the Homeopathic School in Northern New Hampshire, and what might be termed a pioneer in that system in this section of the State. From the beginning of his professional career he evinced great enthusiasm in his chosen line of work, exhibiting in more than one way his marked fitness as a physician. His reputation as a skillful and generally successful practitioner was readily established and soon brought him to be consulted in critical cases by both members of the allopathic and homeopathic schools; he is frequently called in consultation throughout Northern New Hampshire and Northern Vermont, and sustains a high reputation among the leading members of the medical fraternity in the State.

His professional connections have led him to become a member of various medical organizations, in which he has as a rule taken a prominent part. In 1870 he became a member of the American Institution of Homeopathy. Since 1865 he has been a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society, and has held many of the important offices, such as censor for fifteen years, vice-president in 1876-77, president for the years 1878-79-80. The honorary degree of "Doctor of Homeopathic Medicine" was bestowed upon him in 1867, in recognition of his ability and services. In 1871 he was appointed by the general Government to the position of pension surgeon for the United States Pension Bureau, and held that post until the advent of Cleveland's Administration, when he resigned. It was mainly due to his energetic efforts that the Connecticut Valley Homeopathic Medical Society of Northern New Hampshire was organized; he was elected to the office of its president for two years.



At the present time he is medical examiner for the Knights of Honor and the Provident Mutual Association of New Hampshire.

Free Masonry has claimed much of his time and attention, not otherwise devoted to his profession; he joined the Burns Lodge at Littleton, Dec. 7, 1870; received the Chapter Degree, Franklin Chapter of Lisbon, in 1881; was made Knight Templar of the St. Girard Commandery, Jan. 23, 1882; took Council degrees at Omega Council, Plymouth, Feb. 11, 1884; and received the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite at the Valley of Nashua, Dec. 21, 1885. He has held in the past and still holds important Masonic offices. In 1871 he was Junior Warden, Senior Warden in 1872-73, Warder of the Commandery in 1882, Captain-General in 1883, Eminent Commander from 1884 to 1891, Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Commander of the State in 1884, and Grand Warder in 1885. He was Master of the Burns Lodge, F. & A. M., in 1890, and Grand Commander of the State in 1892.

The remarkable success with which Dr. Sanger has met is a good index of what can be achieved by pursuing a definite aim in life. Distinction and an honored name have come to him by reason of his natural talents, his even and genial temper, and a life unremitting in its application to the work he took in hand. The first five years of his medical experience was not altogether calm sailing, but he established in that time a character for his system from an adverse starting point, and a place for himself as a physician and as a surgeon, worthy of the highest commendation. He is conceded to be an authority for the Homeopathic School in Northern New Hampshire. His admirable personal qualities have attached to him a large and respectable body of adherents. In his battles with human ills and infirmities he is cool and sagacious and most persistent in his belief in the dogma of his school—like cures like. His earnestness and evident sincerity, combined with successful results, have inspired a confidence in the worth of homeopathy, and have converted many to his faith, and under this inspiration he now enjoys a lucrative and satisfactory practice, as he has done from the early days of his professional career.

His quick and brilliant intellect, his clearness

of perception, his ready wit and repartee, his unvarying good nature and fine conversational powers make him a general favorite among all classes, and a welcome guest at the fireside and in the social circle.

Dr. Sanger was joined in the holy bond of marriage, Oct. 29, 1856, to Miss Ianthé C. Kneeland, daughter of Willard Hall and Clara (Woods) Kneeland of Victory, Vt. Mr. Kneeland was for many years a prominent farmer of that town and of the town of Waterbury, and owned valuable lumber mills, but on his retirement he moved to Littleton, N. H., where he died in 1875, at the age of seventy, having been born in Waterbury in 1805. His wife, who was born in Barnet, Vt., in 1810, departed this life in 1892. She was a granddaughter of Capt. John Ide, who served in Rhode Island in the Revolution, and granddaughter of John Woods, who served in New Hampshire and Massachusetts during the same war. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kneeland four children: Samuel P., Ianthé C., Ellen, and Ireneus. Willard H. Kneeland was a son of Richard Kneeland, the second, who was born in Westford, Mass., in 1778, grandson of Richard Kneeland, the first, born in Boston in 1752, and great-grandson of John Kneeland, the fifth, who was born in Boston in 1694. This John Kneeland was the celebrated Boston builder and real estate owner after whom Kneeland Street and Kneeland Wharf were named, and who constructed the ever-memorable "Old South Church" in Boston. John Kneeland was the son of John Kneeland, the fourth, who was born in Boston in 1668, grandson of John Kneeland, the third, born in Boston in 1632, great-grandson of John Kneeland, the second, born in Scotland in 1600. He came to America in 1632 and settled in Boston. He was a son of Capt. John Kneeland, the first, who was born in Scotland in 1565, married Mary Dunbar in 1598, and died at sea in 1635.

Of our subject's children Ellen I. is the eldest and was born Dec. 22, 1866, and is an artist by profession. She attended the Normal Art School at Boston, and has taught industrial drawing at Littleton, where her natural talent is highly appreciated. Lillian E., born April 20, 1872, became an accomplished musician, and married F. E. Green of Littleton, N. H. Catherine F. was born April 7, 1879.

Dr. Sanger has dealt considerably in real estate, buying property, and, after making valuable improvements, selling at an advantage to himself. His first home was at the corner of South and Cottage Streets; after living there for a number of years he sold it and bought the Truman Stevens place on Main Street, in 1873. The location was one of the finest in the village, but the house was antiquated and in bad repair, so Dr. Sanger caused it to be taken down and a large house with mansard roof to be erected in its stead. Barns were also built to accommodate the horses and cattle, and the large lot was transformed into beautiful lawns with many fine shade trees. His office is located in his home, so that everything is convenient for a comfortable practice of his profession.

It affords us the greatest pleasure to present the portrait of Dr. Sanger in connection with this sketch of his life as a prominent and representative physician and as a pioneer of the Homeopathic School in Northern New Hampshire.

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HON. HORACE F. HOYT, Jr., a prominent farmer of the town of Hanover, living at Aetna Village, is the great-grandson of Moses Hoyt, who was born March 22, 1738. He married Lydia Gould, who was born July 16, 1746; they probably spent the greater part of their lives in Newport, N. H. The last few years of their lives lived with their son Joseph at Hanover. Moses died Feb. 14, 1814, and his wife Dec. 13, 1814. Moses Hoyt came to New Hampshire in the early history of the country, during the Indian troubles, and the red men, when they came to know him, evinced great fear of his power and prowess with the musket. In those days, so insecure were the conditions of life, it became a custom for the neighbors to congregate, and cultivate their corn in common, stacking their guns by their sides and hoeing a few rods, and then re-stacking them again nearer their work. When one man's field was finished, they would move on to the next and repeat the same performance. After the country became settled, and the Indians observed the peace, an old chief said that he lay for hours behind a log, waiting for an opportunity to shoot Moses, but dared not when the chance came to him, know-

ing that if he missed his mark, that Moses would surely kill him. At one time an Indian, with raised tomahawk, was pursuing a neighbor, named Smith, when Moses appeared, and brought down the Indian with one telling shot.

Moses' son, Joseph Hoyt, was born at Newport, N. H., Sept. 27, 1778, and married Mary Patterson Nov. 14, 1802. In 1812, he came to Hanover and bought the farm, now owned by B. F. Plummer, and gave his attention to the raising of sheep; he built himself a house during the course of the war with England which broke out in 1812. He lived for a few years later in life in Stratford, Vt., but returned to Hanover, where he died on the hill which bears his name. His death occurred May 14, 1849; his wife survived him a few years, passing away March 22, 1853. Of their children, Horace F., Sr., the father of our subject, was the second in order of birth.

Horace F. Hoyt, Sr., was born April 11, 1811, and died Jan. 12, 1897, at the age of eighty-six, at the home of his son, Horace F., Jr. He voted at every Presidential election since 1832, voting the Whig tickets as long as that party existed, and then transferring his loyal support to the Republican party. When seventy years old, he walked two miles, chopped ten wagon-loads of pole fire-wood, and walked back home in a day. He followed farming all the active portion of his life. During his boyhood days he lived in Stratford, Vt., and in Enfield, Groton, and Washington, N. H. He married Caroline E. Hardy, daughter of Daniel and Betsey (Packard) Hardy, March 22, 1833; she departed this life Jan. 8, 1875. Daniel Hardy, our subject's grandfather on his mother's side of the house, lived to be eighty-seven years old; he was a prominent settler in the early days of the county, and at that time was considered a very wealthy man. He was a merchant, as well as a farmer, and in partnership with Gov. Colby traded in mules. Following are the names of the children, born to Horace F., Sr., and Caroline E. (Hardy) Hoyt: Mary J., the eldest, married S. P. Barry; Horace F., Jr., was the second in age; Ida married Albert F. Brown; Walter; and Eliza, who married Simon Ward of Hanover, whose sketch appears in this book.

Horace F. Hoyt, Jr., was born in Enfield, Oct. 26, 1842, and at the age of three he was taken



to Hanover by his parents, and that has continued to be his home ever since. 1837, before our subject's birth, his father lost all of his property, and consequently Horace F., Jr., was forced to rough it, and received but poor educational advantages. However, by application and self-culture, he has made up for what he missed in his early days. Up to the age of nineteen, he attended the district school, whenever that was possible, and at the age of twenty-one he taught one term of school, but as other opportunities promised him better return than teaching, he soon relinquished that profession. Being an only son, he never left the old folks long, but drifted into farming with his father, and afterwards, when his father retired from active labor, succeeded him in the complete management of the farm. During the winters of his early manhood, he worked out, but in the summer he remained at home. For a number of years he was local agent for a produce buyer in Hanover, buying and shipping farm products to him for that market. He made his home on the old farm until 1887, when he took charge of the Hanover Town Farm, which he managed three years. In 1890, he bought his present home in the village of Aetna.

Our subject's marriage took place in Eaton, Province of Quebec, the bride being Miriam Coates; her parents were Simeon and Rebecca (Sanburn) Coates, formerly of Bradford, Vt. Simeon Coates was born in Eaton, P. Q., and was a son of William Coates, an early settler of Eaton. Rebecca Sanburn was one of twenty-seven children, born to her father, who was twice married. Mrs. Hoyt's childhood was spent in Eaton, and in the village of Cookshire. When she was eighteen, she came to Hanover and followed teaching for a few years; there she met her husband, and was married to him on the date given above in the Province of Quebec. Mrs. Hoyt has borne her husband two children: Willis P., and Caro E., deceased. Willis P. married Mrs. Ida Richardson, daughter of Richard and Mary Simons; he is now occupying the old homestead on Hoyt Hill. Caro E. married John D. Ayer of Claremont, N. H., a teacher by profession; her death occurred July 5, 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt joined the Baptist Church together about the time of their marriage; they are members of the church at Aetna, of which

Mr. Hoyt has been Deacon for twenty-five years. Our subject is a Republican in politics; he served as selectman from 1878 to 1883; was tax collector for the town of Hanover for seven years; and in the fall of 1896 was elected to a second term as county commissioner, and in 1893 he represented the town in the State Legislature. He has been Treasurer of the Aetna Creamery Co. for six years, since its organization, and is now the business manager; his efficiency and thoroughness has broadened and increased the business, until it now amounts to as much as \$20,000.00 a year. Mr. Hoyt is a member of Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M.; St. Andrews Chapter of Lebanon; and Sullivan Commandery of Claremont. He is a charter member of Grafton Star Grange, No. 60, of Hanover, and also a charter member of Mascoma Valley Pomona Grange, in which he has held all the official chairs and has served as district deputy three years. He has been prominently identified with almost every matter of public interest that has had its inception in Hanover; his record as a private citizen and as an official will bear the most critical inspection.

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DAVID SLOAN, deceased, born Jan. 9, 1780, died June 7, 1860, was a leading lawyer of his time in Haverhill, and well known throughout the entire county. His father was David Sloan, Sr., a resident of Pelham, Mass., where he was engaged in pursuits of an agricultural nature. Our subject's mother was a lady, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Scott. David Sloan, Jr., was one of five sons born to his parents, namely: David, Jr., Jonathan, James, Andrew L., and Gardner. Our subject's birthplace was Pelham, Mass.; he attended school at Leicester (Mass.) Academy, and graduated from Dartmouth College about 1806. In Hanover he studied law with a Mr. Woodward. His first introduction to Haverhill occurred in his senior year at college, when he came to Haverhill to finish out the term of the principal of Haverhill Academy, who had been taken ill. He boarded in the family of the principal, and upon his departure gave to the wife of the principal a gold pin as a token of the pleasant times



he had there; this pin after his death was given to Miss Sloan, the daughter of David.

David Sloan belonged to a family of lawyers, all of whom were of prominence and celebrity; his two brothers, next to him in age, were lawyers; one of them, Jonathan, was considered to be among the most talented legal lights of the Ohio bar. One of Mr. Sloan's nephews is at present Dean of the Law School of the Wisconsin State University at Madison, Wis. Upon Mr. Sloan's admission to the bar, he came to Haverhill, where he made himself one of the most distinguished members of the State bar. He was well acquainted with Ezekiel and Daniel Webster, who plead at the same bars that he did. He kept up a flourishing practice, until his eyes became disabled from a cataract; when at last this defect to his vision was removed by surgical skill, he did not resume his practice, but led a more or less retired life till his death.

The private practice Mr. Sloan built up proved very remunerative to him, and for this reason he never accepted any judgeship. He was disinterested in politics, never having occasion to advance his own interests; in politics that related to the welfare of town, county, state, or nation, he ever took an intelligent and lively interest. He was originally a Whig, and later a Republican; if the committees having such work in charge discovered a doubtful or wavering voter, Mr. Sloan was assigned to the duty of bringing him into the fold, a feat he rarely failed to accomplish. His death took place in Haverhill.

David Sloan, Jr., was married in Newbury, Vt., Nov. 21, 1811, to Miss Hannah Johnson, who was born in Newbury, Aug. 4, 1785. She was the daughter of Col. Thomas and Abigail (Carlton) Johnson. Col. Johnson was born April 22, 1742, in Old Haverhill, Mass.; he came to Newbury, Vt., in early manhood, and was a resident of that town when the Revolution broke out. His first purchase of land was made in October, 1763, when he, in conjunction with Gen. Bailey, secured the entire tract of land included in the Ox Bow Meadows of the Connecticut River Valley. In the Revolution he distinguished himself under Gen. Bailey as a captain of volunteers at the taking of Ticonderoga, and in the siege of Mt. Independence in the autumn of 1777. When the British surrendered,

two men were put in charge of Col. Johnson, who took them back into the country to prevent their recapture, and to husband the rations of the fort. Col. Johnson was captured when an officer of that rank in the spring of 1781, when building a mill at Peacham, Vt. After a long, weary tramp, fraught with the greatest hardships, he and his captors reached the headquarters in Canada, with clothes all torn, and ragged. The officers there gave him the best kind of treatment, not thinking anything too good for him, in return for his kindness toward them, when they were prisoners under his charge. He was allowed to go home on parole, and was never treated as a prisoner of war, or confined. His first wife was Elizabeth Lovell, and his second partner was Mrs. Nabby Pool. He married as his third wife, Feb. 17, 1775, Abigail Carlton; the second child in a family of three born to Col. Johnson by his third wife was David Johnson, who begun his mortal existence Sept. 13, 1778. Col. Thomas Johnson died Jan. 4, 1819, aged 76 years, 9 months, and 2 days; his father John Johnson, died April 2, 1762, in his 51st year. There were born to David Sloan, Jr., and his wife, nine children, as follows: Thomas Carlton, Jonathan, David Scott, Charles Story, William, Edward; Henry died in infancy; Henry, the second of that name, married Frances Buntley of Woodstock, Ill., and makes his home in Chicago, Ill.; Elizabeth Abbie lives in Haverhill, and occupies and owns the Sloan property there, for all the family have gone to their long home, with the exception of the one brother, who lives in Chicago. Mrs. David Sloan, Jr., died May 30, 1861.

Miss Elizabeth Abbie Sloan lives in the old residence, to which her father brought his bride. It is filled with old-fashioned furniture, carved and upholstered in the most elegant fashion; one of the most valuable sets is a pair of Chippendale tables, inlaid with satin-wood. The old hall clock is encased in solid mahogany. An astral lamp is one of the many articles in the rooms that possess an added value from their oddity and rarity. The book-case, containing on its shelves many rare old books, and in its drawers many interesting letters from noted men, is made of carved rose-wood. All the furniture corresponds to what has been already described in value and general antiqueness.





HON. OSCAR C. HATCH.



HON. OSCAR C. HATCH, whose portrait appears on the preceding page, is president of the Littleton National and treasurer of the Littleton Savings Bank of Littleton, N. H., and was born at Wells River, N. H., Nov. 11, 1848. Mr. Hatch is a son of George and Hannah (Vance) Hatch, and grandson of Jacob Hatch, who was a leading agriculturist of Groton, Vt., at which place our subject's father was born and reared. Early in life George Hatch mastered the shoemaker's trade and removed to Wells River, Vt., which he made his permanent home, and where he manufactured shoes on a small scale, also running a retail store in connection, disposing of a part of his product in that way. He was one of that class of men whom we meet with in rare instances, who devote their whole time and energies to business; this, however, proved too much even for his robust constitution, and having severely overtaxed his physical strength and ruined his health, he died at the age of fifty-one. He was successful in business, by reason of his energy and sound judgment, and managed to accumulate some property, mostly in real estate, including his residence. His wife was called home at the age of forty-seven. Four children were born to them, who were named as follows: Oscar C., Fred B., Amelia B., and Martha J.

Our subject, the eldest son, attended the common schools in his youth and select schools, and while still a young man entered the employ of the well known firm of Dunning & Baldwin, where he worked for two years in their store. The following four years were spent in the National Bank of Newbury, Vt., as the general clerk. He was then chosen cashier of the Orange Co. Bank at Chelsea, Vt., where he put in two years of faithful and efficient service. In 1872 he was elected cashier in the Littleton National Bank, and treasurer in the Littleton Savings Bank. The Bank of Littleton was organized in 1871, and through its dealings Mr. Hatch has won the respect and warm friendship of the citizens of Littleton and of the adjoining towns. In 1887 he was elected president of the National Bank, and has held this position ever since to the entire satisfaction of its directors and its many patrons. Naturally courteous and affable, he possesses many of the needed requisites for filling his posts of responsibility and care. His present standing in the commercial world has

been entirely due to his own unaided exertions and furnishes a splendid example for the ambitious youth of the town and county.

His beautiful home is situated at No. 11 High Street, where he has not only a well-appointed residence, but also all that could be desired in the way of lawns and like surroundings. Mr. Hatch married Miss Flora L. Adams, daughter of Henry W. Adams of Wells River, Vt. He has been blessed with four children, namely: Leslie A., born Jan. 17, 1875, is a clerk in a wholesale produce house of Boston; Henry O., born May 11, 1877, is clerk in the Littleton National & Savings Bank; Margaret E., born Dec. 21, 1886; and O. C., Jr., born May 11, 1890. Mr. Hatch has from the first warmly espoused the cause of Republicanism, and represented the town of Littleton in the Legislature of 1892-93. He is an enthusiastic Mason, and has since his connection with that organization taken a warm interest in its welfare. He is a member of the Burns Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; St. Girard's Commandery, Knight Templars. He has taken the thirty-third degree at the Supreme Council, and is a member of the Aleppo Shrine of Boston. He is past commander of the St. Girard Commandery of Littleton.

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FRANK HUTCHINSON, deceased, was born in Lebanon, N. H., Aug. 18, 1841, and when two years old was taken by his parents with them to Manchester, and later to Lawrence, Mass., in which place he grew to manhood.

His parents, Williams and Ezra (Creary) Hutchinson, were natives of Norwich, Vt.; Williams Hutchinson's father, was a pioneer of that town. Williams Hutchinson was a man of considerable ingenuity; one of the early evidences of his skill was the laying of a water-pipe from a spring on the east side of the Connecticut to his farm on the west side, in order to obtain a supply of water for domestic purposes. This lead pipe is said to have been the first ever laid across the river, but not the last by any means, for many have followed his example. Before this time, they were obliged to carry water for domestic use across the river, a difficult task, when the water was high on the ford. Williams

Hutchinson died Jan. 2, 1895, in his eighty-eighth year; his venerable wife lives in Norwich with her son, at the advanced age of ninety years.

When our subject was nineteen years old he left home, going to Manchester, N. H., where he worked for a time in the mills, but shortly apprenticed himself to the carpenter trade with "Uncle" John Maynard, and was at work at his trade when the war broke out.

On the first call for three years' service he was among the first to enlist, his name being entered upon the muster-roll of Company A, 10th Regiment, N. H. Vol. Inf., Aug. 9, 1862. This regiment was known as the Fighting Irish Regiment, and was under command of Col. Donohugh. Mr. Hutchinson was detailed as train-master, having charge of the ammunition wagons. He was in the engagements at Fredericksburg, around Richmond, Petersburg, and during that entire campaign. He was never wounded, but came very near experiencing the shock of bullets. At one time a tree was cut in two by a shot, just as he was moving to untie his horse, which he had a few minutes fastened to it. At another time a shot carried away the pommel of his saddle. He became afflicted with black jaundice, and never saw a really well day after. He remained in the army until the close of hostilities, returning July 10, 1865, his discharge being dated June 21, at Richmond, Virginia.

After resuming his old place with "Uncle" John, and working there for him a year, he was appointed superintendent in charge of the yards of the Manchester Mills, which place he occupied until the day of his death, Aug. 19, 1893.

His home for twenty-four years was a house on the west side of the river bank at Manchester, but as he was always in poor health, and thinking a higher location would agree with him better, the company bought for him a house on the highest hill in the city. He had been a sufferer so long, that he survived only a short time, and did not receive much benefit.

Desiring to have a country home, in July, 1888, he bought Grasslands Stock Farm, a mile north of Hanover, a fine tract of four hundred acres, on which are located two complete sets of farm buildings, besides the family residences. The house at the time that he made the pur-

chase was old-fashioned and inconvenient, and not at all suited to the conditions of modern life. Mr. Hutchinson caused it to be entirely overhauled, remodeling it, and rebuilding parts; he also instituted steam heat with hot and cold water over the entire house. To the already large barn he added fifty feet to the length, and connected it with the house by a series of sheds, and also built a long line of sheds for the young horses. A large spring on the hill-side pasture, far above the house, was caused to flow into an iron main, which carried the water to all the sheds and barns, and to a 500 gallon tank in the attic of the house.

Besides the home farm there are also included in the property a large pasture, extending to the reservoir on the hill, and an undivided half interest in a pasture tract at Aetna Village. The entire portion of the farm, that is given over to tillage, is remarkably free from stones and other obstructions. There is a large tract of fine timber belonging to the estate on the river front, from which timber the farm extends up into the hills. The door-yard is inclosed by a handsome evergreen hedge, and stately elms border the highway where it passes the homestead. It is indeed a model farm, and worth going to see; had Mr. Hutchinson chosen to have allowed it, it would have been represented at the World's Fair, as the Prize Farm of New Hampshire.

Our subject was the owner of Gregoria, a prize-winning coach horse, the first imported animal of that breed to be brought to this part of the country. Wherever exhibited, at fair or horse-show, the horse would be sure to win first prize, winning the gold medal at the Boston Horse Show, against many competitors. The farm is capable of producing enough to support seventy-five cows and as many horses, and at one time the number of horses on the place even exceeded that number.

Mr. Hutchinson was married June 11, 1865, in Manchester, N. H., to Arabella F. Waterman, who was born in Lowell, Mass.; her parents were Charles M. and Lydia (Greeley) Waterman. Lydia Greeley was born in Canaan, N. H., and was a daughter of Shubel and Lydia (Whitney) Greeley; Shubel Greeley was a son of Matthew Greeley, who followed farming all his life. Shubel was a carpenter by trade, and



also operated a saw and grist-mill. He lived to be seventy-two years of age; both he and his wife died within a few days of each other, and were buried in the same grave. Charles M. Waterman, the father of Mrs. Hutchinson, was an overseer in the mills of Lowell and Manchester, and died when Mrs. Hutchinson was three years of age. He was the son of Shubel and Clarinda (Bliss) Waterman; Shubel Waterman was a farmer of Norwich, Vt., his parents being among the first settlers.

The union of our subject and his wife was blessed with three children: Charles, who died in infancy; Mattie Belle, the wife of James Brigham, a grain dealer of Hanover, the town in which they were married Nov. 18, 1896; and Arabella, the wife of Thomas Crocker, a horse dealer of Manchester, N. H. Mr. Hutchinson, during his lifetime, was a member of the Grange at Manchester.

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JACOB SAMUEL PERLEY, deceased, a former prominent citizen and farmer of the town of Hanover, where he spent his life, was a native of the "Granite State." He was born in Hanover, N. H., June 7, 1818, and died July 10, 1891. In his youth he attended the district schools of his native town, and put in two terms to good advantage at Meriden Academy, after attaining manhood. His father died when he was but two years old, by being crushed against a post by a yoke of steers, which he was driving; he lived only a few days after the accident. Our subject was then taken into the household of his brother-in-law, Isaac Fellows, who gave him the care of a father; our subject's mother also lived in the same house. When Jacob was twenty-one years old he worked out a few years on neighboring farms, and then rented the farm, where the family now lives, for two years, buying it at length. It consisted of 150 acres in the valley, near Aetna, and was named by our subject Sunnydale Farm, which was most appropriate, because of its pleasant location. He farmed there several years before his marriage, his mother and maiden sister keeping house for him; after he brought his wife home, his mother still continued to stay with him, until her death, in 1871, at the age of ninety-one.

Jacob S. Perley was a son of Jacob and Dorothy (Hale) Perley; Jacob Perley was the eldest of seven sons born to his parents, as follows: Jacob; Jonathan; Jeremiah; Nathaniel; Samuel; Francis; and Putnam.

The first Perley in America, and ancestor of our subject, was Allen Perley, who was born in Wales in 1608, and died in Ipswich, Mass., Dec. 28, 1675. He came to America when twenty-two years old, in the same fleet which bore Gov. Winthrop, of Colonial renown; he settled first in what is now the town of Woburn, and that locality has been known for two and a half centuries as Perley Meadows, and through it runs Perley Brook. He was a large land-owner, holding in his own right land in five different towns. He married in 1635 Mrs. Susanna Bokesen, who died in Ipswich, Mass., Feb. 11, 1692, after sixteen years of widowhood. One record gives a slightly different account, making his date of arrival at Charlestown, July 12, 1634, and his removal to Ipswich being placed in 1636.

Allen Perley's youngest son, Thomas, was the father of Jacob, grandfather of Francis, great-grandfather of Jacob, Sr., and great-grandfather of Jacob, Jr., the father of our subject, Jacob S. Perley.

Jacob S. Perley was married June 19, 1850, in Hanover, N. H., to Harriet Eliza Fellows, daughter of Ira and Abigail (Wright) Fellows, the latter a daughter of Asa and Hulda (Knapp) Wright. Ira Fellows was a son of Isaac, Jr., and Jane (Burnham) Fellows, and a grandson of Isaac Fellows, Sr. who married Mrs. Abigail Blake, a daughter of Capt. Prescott. Isaac Fellows, Sr., was a son of Jonathan Fellows, and his third wife, Deborah Hilton, and a grandson of Isaac Fellows, who married Joanna Fellows. The two last named were born in 1635 and 1646, respectively, and died April 12, 1721, and March 20, 1732, respectively, both in their eighty-sixth year. Of seven children born to Mrs. Perley's parents, six survived; the record is as follows: Harriet E., the wife of our subject; Julia Pinneo (Whiting); Susan C. (Tinney); Asa W., who lives in Hanover; Miranda M. (Foss); and Ira P. of Manchester, N. H. There were born to Jacob S. Perley and his wife, Harriet E. Fellows, three children, of whom Eva Eliza alone survives. She married, Nov. 19, 1884, Irving P. Fitts, son of Richard and Mary D. (Rodgers)



Fitts. Mr. Perley was a Republican in politics. His widow is a member of the Congregational Church.

The Fitts family in America sprang from Robert and Grace D. Fitts of Ipswich, Mass., who came from Fitzford, Tavistock, Devon, England, settling in Ipswich, about 1635. He was a man of liberal education, and took a leading part in the affairs of the colony. The Fitts family in Hanover traces its descent as follows through the successive generations: Abraham and Sarah (Thompson) Fitts; Richard, Sr., and Sarah (Thorn) Fitts; Richard, Jr., and Sarah (Brown) Fitts; Ephraim and Rhoda (Worthen) Fitts; and Richard and Mary (Powell) Fitts. Richard Fitts was one of the first settlers of Hanover, arriving in that town in 1791; he removed to Enfield a few years, but soon returned to Hanover, and took up a farm in the eastern part of the town. From him spring the family in Grafton County.

GEO. N. RUSSELL, the subject of this personal narration, a leading farmer, and extensive lumberman of the town of Orford, was born March 2, 1854, in a house which formerly stood on the foundations of his present home, on the farm which he now cultivates. He is a son of Nathaniel and Persis (Hancock) Russell, and grandson of Nathaniel Russell, Sr.

The grandfather of our subject died about the time his son was born. His widow, who was Mary Bradford, a descendant of Gov. Bradford of early Colonial Massachusetts, married as her second husband Bailey Sargent, a drover of the town of Orford, who met her when on a trip to Boston, and brought her to Orford to preside over his home. The Russell family had been living in Boston at the time of the death of Nathaniel Russell, Sr. Nathaniel Russell, Jr., was an only son of his father. His mother bore her second husband six children.

The father of our subject was born in Pelham, N. H., Feb. 5, 1811, and died on the farm, where our subject still resides, Aug. 15, 1889. He came with his mother and step-father to Orford when he was five years old. He grew up in Orford, attending its district schools, and at the age of twenty-four bought the farm, on which he

lived and carried on his farming until his death, at the age of 78 years and six months. He was a Republican in politics, and served frequently as selectman, at one time holding the office for seven successive years. He was a member of the Congregational Church. His wife, Persis Hancock, bore him five children, as follows: Mary B., deceased, was twice married, her first husband was Edwin Gilmore, and her second James W. Gilmore, now living in Melrose, Mass.; Marion R. married Franklin Eaton, now of Minneapolis, Minn., her first husband was Mendal Bridgman of Hanover; Emma A. married Benjamin F. Trussell of Orford; Ada C., now deceased, was the wife of Walter S. Horton; and George N., the subject of this sketch.

George N. Russell's mother was a daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Peck) Hancock; Lydia Peck was from Montpelier, Vt., and died not very long after her marriage, leaving a family of small children. Joseph Hancock followed the trade of a blacksmith in early life, and was later a minister of the Congregational Church. He was born in North Braintree, Mass., and died at the age of eighty. He was a son of Samuel Hancock. Joseph Hancock was a militiaman, being called into active service at Plattsburgh, N. Y. He died in the town of Orford, where he spent the last ten years of his life.

George N. Russell was reared on the home farm, and up to the age of eighteen was attending school in the district schools and in Orford Academy. From eighteen to twenty, he lived in the city of Manchester, where he was employed at various occupations. After the death of a sister, he came home to take care of the old folks; he met and married his wife, and settled down on the old home farm. His first marriage was solemnized in Orford, Oct. 27, 1875; the bride was Loraine S. Morrill, a daughter of Deacon Benjamin and Harriet (Simonds) Morrill of Orfordville. Their union was prolific of two children: Florence A., who is teaching in Orford, after two years in the high school; and Harry M., who is still attending school, and living at home. Mr. Russell was married the second time, April 19, 1884, to Eliza A. French of Orford; she is a daughter of David and Charlotte L. (Morey) French; two children were born of the second marriage, namely: Carlie P.; and

Fay F. Our subject's first wife was a member of the Congregational Church of Orfordville. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are members of the Mt. Cube Grange, No. 236, of Orford. In politics he is a Republican, and has been selectman since 1894, and is now first selectman. His farm comprises 100 acres, and supports some thirty head of cattle; the milk product is disposed of to the creamery at Orfordville; Mr. Russell is President of the Creamery Co., and has been for the past three years. Our subject, in addition to his farming and attending to his dairy, is also much interested in lumbering, as was his father before him; his father purchased large timber tracts on the mountain east of the farm, and worked up the timber on them into lumber.

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FRANKLIN WRIGHT SMITH, an elderly resident of the town of Hanover, in which he has passed his entire life, engaged in that most independent of all pursuits, farming, was born in the same house in which he now lives, Dec. 21, 1813.

Our subject's great-grandfather, Timothy Smith, was an old sea-captain of Connecticut, and was almost blind, when he brought his family to the town of Hanover, of which he was one of the original grantees. He wished to do well for his large family of children, and for that reason came to a new country; he made a pleasant home for them, and when he left mortal scenes, he had the satisfaction of knowing that those he left behind were well provided for. He gave each of his four sons 100 acres of land, and to each of his five daughters 50, and to Dartmouth 100. His journey up the Connecticut River to Hanover, in 1765, was made in flat-boats; they drove their oxen along the bank, so as to tow them past the rapids in the stream. He kept a ferry opposite our subject's house, which was the first ferry in this part of New Hampshire. The Indians were never troublesome, although the family were frequently apprehensive of them, as they created trouble in White River Valley, not far away. Timothy's father was named Samuel, but not much is known about him, as he never came to New Hampshire. Timothy Smith married Esther

Webster, and their son, John, is the next in line of descent to our subject.

John Smith came from Hartford, Conn., with his father's family, and made a permanent settlement in Hanover, in 1765. In the previous year he had visited this part of the country, working out in different settlements, and had decided to make his home there. He returned to Connecticut and journeyed to Hanover, with his wife, Anna Hovey. He was twenty-five years old at that time, and died about 1804.

Timothy Smith, our subject's father, was born on the homestead in Hanover in a log-house, near where our subject's house now stands, 1780, and died on a Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1875, after living ninety-five years on the same farm, quite an exceptional record. Our subject himself has lived there eighty-three years already. The present house, which took the place of the log structure, was built in 1797. Our subject's brother, Timothy Dwight, was a quartermaster in the late war, and was sent west to fight the Indians; he had to take command of a fort, where they were soon in a state of siege. He sent two men on horses for aid, and while awaiting their return, the members of the garrison were so hard pressed for want of food, that they welcomed any kind of food, and even went so far as to eat the meat of a skunk. Our subject's father married Achsah Wright, daughter of Amasa and Hannah (Conant) Wright; Amasa Wright was a farmer, who was born and passed his years in the town of Hanover. Of nine children born to Timothy Smith, our subject, the eldest, and Adaline A., the seventh in order of seniority, are the only ones living at the present time.

Our subject assisted his father in carrying on the farm work until 1850, when he assumed entire charge; the farm is a well-improved one of 150 acres. Mr. Smith has always been a Republican in politics, as his ancestors were Whigs before him; he has never consented to run for office.

Mr. Smith was married March 9, 1837, in Hanover Center, to Adaline E. Smith, daughter of Asel and Anna (Owen) Smith, granddaughter of Edward, Jr., and Hannah (Chandler) Smith. Edwin Smith, Jr., was a son of Deacon Edward Smith, who was a brother of our subject's grandfather, John Smith, son of the Timo-



thy Smith who made the original settlement in Hanover. Anna Owen's father married Mary Gillette. To our subject and his wife have been born seven children, namely: James Bradley; one who died before it was named; Laura C.; Frank Welford died in the army; Julia A. A., deceased; Edward Timothy died in Kansas; and Samuel Wright. James Bradley lives in Gorham, Russell County, Kansas, where he is farming; he married Helen I. Pierce, and has had three children, two of whom are living. Laura C. married Elias S. Leavitt, and has borne him three children; Mr. Leavitt is retired from farming, and is living in Hanover. Samuel Wright is farming on the old homestead; he was born Feb. 11, 1855. Mr. Smith has ever taken a keen interest in the affairs of the town, and has proved himself in every way to be an honest, upright citizen, whose desire is to see that law and order abide in the community, and that the town keeps up its high rank among the towns of the State.

Mr. Smith's father kept tavern for many years in the house where he now lives.

H. T. HOWE, the popular host of the Hotel Wheelock, was born in Thetford, Vt., April 29, 1849. The history of the Howe family in America begins with that of four brothers, who emigrated from England at the same time a little over two hundred years ago, settling in Marlborough, Mass. One of the brothers built a tavern there, and it has been kept in the family for the past two hundred years, being now in the possession of ex-Mayor T. Herbert Howe of Marlborough; it is known as Longfellow's Wayside Inn.

The great-grandfather of our subject, Nehemiah Howe, came from Henniker, N. H., to Thetford, Vt., in 1800, where he bought a farm, and lived on it to a ripe old age. His son, David, lived all his life in Thetford, where he followed farming; he was also a minister in the M. E. Church, and died in 1860.

Our subject's father, William Howe, lived most of his life in Thetford, prosecuting his trade of a blacksmith. During the few years he was absent from his native place, he worked at Carthage, N. Y., where he met and married his

wife. Her name was Sarah Baston and her parents were of German birth or descent. William Howe died at the age of sixty-five, in the year 1874.

Our subject passed his early life in his native town, attending the district schools and two terms in private schools. He learned the carpenter's trade, and became his own master at nineteen, working at his trade through the summer months, and finding employment in the saw-mills in the winter. In 1874 he went to California, remaining there three years, during a part of which time he kept a market in Oakland. Mr. Howe returned to Thetford in 1877, and labored at his trade until the fall of 1888, when he came to Hanover, and purchased a livery stable, to which he added in a short time two others by purchase, owning now one of the largest and best-equipped livery establishments in the State. He controls the coach line to the station at Norwich, and supplies teams for all purposes in the region of Hanover. He is well known to the traveling public as a popular and accommodating liveryman, ever ready to assist his customers in any direction in his power.

In November, 1895, he assumed charge of the Hotel Wheelock, which, under indifferent management, had run down to an alarming extent. In the hands of Mr. Howe its trade has been built up, and its service improved, until there is no village in the State, of the size of Hanover, that can boast its equal. Mr. Howe is a typical host; genial and accommodating, he is ever on the alert to make his hostelry home-like and pleasant to his guests; by his uniform urbanity of manner, he instills a desire in each departing guest a desire to return again.

Mr. Howe was married to Carrie E. Alby of West Fairlee, Vt., to whom was born one daughter, Mabel E., now living in the city of Boston. His second wife was Nettie E. Moody, daughter of William and Semple (Wallace) Moody; Mr. Moody served in the Northern Army in the late Civil War. Our subject's second union was productive of three children, namely: One, who died unnamed; Effie May; and Edith. Socially Mr. Howe belongs to the Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 75, I. O. O. F., of Hanover; and to the Grafton Star Grange, No. 60, of Hanover, also. He is a Republican in politics, and has served as deputy sheriff for a number of years.







HON. WILLIAM D. BAKER.

HON. WILLIAM D. BAKER, ex-member of the upper house in the State Legislature of New Hampshire, and a leading farmer of the town of Rumney, being especially interested in the raising of blooded stock and in dairying, is one of the most public-spirited men of the State. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 7, 1854, and is a son of Samuel D. and Mary E. (Harris) Baker, a grandson of Moses and Polly (Dearborn) Baker, and a great-grandson of Moses Baker, who came from Londonderry, N. H., where the first representative of the family settled when he emigrated to this country from England.

Our subject's great-grandfather came to Grafton Co., settling in the town of Campton, and cleared a large farm, where the village of Campton is now situated. He was one of the leading spirits of his locality and was of great assistance in the developing of this part of New Hampshire. He served in the State Senate of 1794-95-96-97-99.

His son, Moses Baker, in the year 1834, emigrated to Erie Co., N. Y., which was considered very far west in those days. There he followed farming and took a prominent part in all public affairs. He and his wife lived to be upwards of eighty years of age. They had three sons and four daughters: Benjamin, William, Samuel, Abbie, Electa, Ellen, and Mary A.

Samuel D. Baker, our subject's father, when a young man went to Philadelphia, Pa., as a clerk in the Continental Hotel; he entered into the married state while there and held his position until 1862, when he came to Grafton Co. and served as chief clerk in the provost marshal's office, settling the accounts during the war and until everything was set right, in 1867. He then bought a farm in the town of Rumney, on the Baker River, and engaged himself in the cultivation of it; he hired men to do the summer work while he assisted S. H. Dumas at the Boar's Head Hotel, Hampton Beach, where he spent twenty-six summers. He died, in 1891, at the age of seventy years. His wife is living on the homestead at the age of sixty-seven. He was a stanch Republican and was elected to nearly all the town offices. He was not only highly respected as a friend and a neighbor, but also as a very public-spirited citizen, who was very thoughtful of the community's welfare. His children were: William D., the subject of this

notice; Caroline E.; and Harris, who was not permitted to reach the years of manhood.

Hon. William D. Baker was educated in the State Normal School, graduating with distinction from that institution in 1875, and from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1878; from there he took a two years' course at Dartmouth College, his poor eyesight restraining him from further study. He was obliged to obtain open-air work to save his eyes, and accordingly returned to the farm, where he recovered somewhat and accepted a clerkship in the customs department of the Grand Trunk Railway at Island Pond, Vermont. He remained in that connection for five years, when his weak eyes again compelled him to return to work not so trying on the eyes. So he gave up his clerkship, much against the wishes of the customs department officers, and again returned to farm labor. He came home, bought the noted Quincy farm, adjoining the homestead, which he now owns, making altogether 250 acres of choice farming land; he has made many improvements in buildings and the land, and is considered one of the most model farmers of the valley. He makes a special study of the best and most approved methods of dairying and stock-raising, and has twenty head of pure-blooded Jersey and Holstein cows. The Elmwood Dairy Farm of Quincy is known favorably throughout this and adjoining counties. Besides his dwelling-house on the homestead, he has a summer cottage called the Maples at Stinson Lake.

Mr. Baker married Miss Winnifrede A. Woodbury, daughter of L. A. Woodbury of Island Pond, Vt. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and has served efficiently in the following offices: Senator for two years, during which time he introduced and secured the passage of sundry bills, aimed at the protection of pure dairy and farm products, such as the Oleomargarine and Tuberculosis bills. He was first selectman of the town for five years; and is a member of the Republican State Central Committee, and secretary of the Second Congressional Republican Committee and also secretary of the Grafton Co. Republican Committee; chairman of the board of selectmen; chairman of the board of library trustees; president of the Rumney Library Association; State justice of the peace and notary public.



In the various agricultural and dairy associations of the county and State he has occupied a prominent place. He was superintendent of the Dairy Department for this State at the World's Columbian Exposition, in which the New Hampshire exhibit of dairy products was awarded the highest average of any State in the country. He is secretary of the Grafton County Agricultural Society; secretary of the New Hampshire Horticultural Society; a director of the Granite State Dairymen's Association; a vice-president of the National Dairymen's Union. He is past master of the Grafton Co. Pomona Grange; past master of Runney Grange; and district deputy of the State Grange. He is an associate member of the Louis Bell Post, No. 3, G. A. R.

As a prominent citizen of Grafton Co., as well as of the State of New Hampshire, and a gentleman, who has been frequently honored with public office, and esteemed by his fellow-citizens, we place the portrait of Hon. William D. Baker in this Book of Biographies.

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DARTMOUTH COLLEGE is the outgrowth of a school which the Rev. Eleazar Wheelock opened in his home at Lebanon, Conn., Dec. 18, 1754, for the Christian education of Indian youth. The school, however, was known as Moor's Indian Charity School, so named from Joshua Moor, who in the following year contributed a house and two acres of land. In 1764 thirty scholars were in attendance, of whom about one half were English students, preparing to serve as missionaries to the Indians.

Funds for the maintenance of the school were received from various sources—from private individuals, from the General Courts of Massachusetts Bay and of New Hampshire, and from Great Britain, where the enterprise had awakened the deepest interest. From the latter source an endowment was secured, chiefly through the efforts of Samson Occom, the Indian preacher, who was commissioned to make a tour of England and Scotland for this purpose in 1765. The sum of ten thousand pounds was thus raised, and committed to the charge of a board of trustees, with the Earl of

Dartmouth at its head. As the result of this endowment it was determined by Dr. Wheelock to enlarge the purpose of the school, especially to reach "a greater proportion of English youth," and to change its location. Various proposals for a site were made, but after careful investigation the site chosen was the township of Hanover, in the region of Cowas or Coos, in the Province of New Hampshire. Apart from the nearness of this site to the Canadian Indians, the determining reason for the choice seems to have been the attractiveness of the location, and the fact that it was the natural center of "more than two hundred towns, chartered, settled, or about to be settled." Removal to the province of New Hampshire also gave the assurance of a charter, which it had thus far been difficult to obtain.

The charter was given by Governor John Wentworth in the name of King George III., and bears the date of December 13, 1769. A draft of the charter submitted by Wheelock received important modifications from the Governor. In particular he rejected the suggestion of a co-ordinate board of trustees in Great Britain; he gave to the college the name of Lord Dartmouth, its most active patron in Great Britain, although Wheelock had proposed to the Governor to call it by the name of Wentworth; and instead of incorporating it as a "school" or "academy," he adopted a hint from Wheelock's postscript and made it a "college." The first board of trustees consisted of the Governor with three of his council, the Speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, one member of the Connecticut Colonial government and six Connecticut clergymen selected by Dr. Wheelock.

Dr. Wheelock was elected president of the college, with Mr. Bezaleel Woodward, a graduate of Yale in 1764, as his associate. The first class of four students was graduated in 1771, the commencement being attended by the Governor of the Province of New Hampshire and a company of gentlemen from Portsmouth, who made their way in part through almost trackless forests.

The school which Dr. Wheelock had brought with him from Lebanon, Conn., consisting of eighteen whites and six Indians, was put into the charge of Mr. David McClure. It was made an independent institution, with a separate char-

ter, to be known as Moor's School. This school was maintained as late as 1849. It still retains its charter, has a board of trustees, and holds a small endowment.

Two events in the early history of the college materially affected its charter and growth. First, the gradual withdrawal of the support of its patrons in Great Britain, whose interest lay entirely in the education of Indians; second, the lawsuit between the college and the State of New Hampshire for the control of the college, which resulted in a final decision by the Supreme Court of the United States in favor of the trustees of Dartmouth College. The decision was rendered in February, 1819. Since the re-establishment of the college by this decision, its history has followed the general course of educational progress in New England.

Other institutions have from time to time been associated with or incorporated into the college.

The Dartmouth Medical College dates from the establishment in 1798 of a professorship of medicine in the college, first filled by Dr. Nathan Smith, who was instrumental in its establishment. The college is under the general control of the trustees of Dartmouth College, by which body degrees are conferred, but the management of its affairs is committed to the Medical Faculty. Associated with the Medical College is the Mary Hitchcock Hospital (1893), the memorial gift of Hiram Hitchcock, Esq., of Hanover.

The Chandler School of Science and the Arts, established in 1851 by a resolution of the trustees, in acceptance of a sum bequeathed to them in trust by Abiel Chandler, Esq., "for the establishment and support of a permanent department or school of instruction in the college, in the practical and useful arts of life," was more formally incorporated into the college by the joint action of the trustees of the college and the visitors of the Chandler School in 1893, and is now known as the Chandler Scientific Course in the college, leading to the degree of B. S.

In 1866 the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanics Arts was established by an act of the Legislature, and located at Hanover in connection with Dartmouth College. Its board of trustees was appointed partly by the Governor and Council and partly by the corpor-

ation of Dartmouth College. In 1892 this arrangement between the State and Dartmouth College was discontinued, and the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts was removed to Durham. The buildings and land which had been occupied by it became the property of Dartmouth College through the grant of the State or by purchase.

The Thayer School of Civil Engineering, established in 1867 by the bequest of General Sylvanus Thayer, is essentially a graduate school, covering a course of two years, and conferring the degree of civil engineer. The funds of the school are in charge of the trustees of the college; otherwise its affairs are managed by a board of overseers, which is a close corporation.

The presidency of the college has been held as follows:

Eleazar Wheelock, 1769-1779.

John Wheelock, 1779-1815.

Francis Brown, 1815-1820.

Daniel Dana, 1820-1821.

Bennett Tyler, 1821-1828.

Nathan Lord, 1828-1863.

Asa Dodge Smith, 1863-1877.

Samuel Colcord Bartlett, 1877-1892.

William Jewett Tucker, 1893.

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WILLIAM JEWETT TUCKER, President of Dartmouth College, was born in Griswold, Conn., in 1839. Fitting for college in Meriden Academy, he graduated from Dartmouth in 1861, and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1866, having taught meanwhile two years in Columbus, O. He became pastor of the Franklin Street Congregational Church of Manchester, the same church, in which S. C. Bartlett, D. D., his predecessor in the presidency of Dartmouth College was for five years the pastor. Nine years later, Mr. Tucker was called to the pastorate of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, New York City, at least the second in importance of the metropolitan churches of that denomination.

An urgent call in 1880 to the chair of homiletics in Andover persuaded him to leave the pulpit for the somewhat wider field of influence, open to one who trains men for the ministry. The twelve years of his work in Andover have



been marked by an effective restlessness in doctrinal discussions, and Prof. Tucker has taken a decided stand from the first with those who "seek to broaden and adjust the Christian Church." As an influential editor of the "Andover Review," as a pulpit orator with few equals, as the originator of the famous Andover House in Boston, he has come to be a recognized leader of the ethical forces of the day, and Harvard's choice of a Phi Beta Kappa orator in 1892 is only one of many indications of the place he holds in public esteem.

For some years, Prof. Tucker has been a lecturer upon homiletics in Harvard, but his most earnest efforts and ambitions have been centered in Andover. Hence his declination of the presidency of Dartmouth, until it at length became clear to him, as it had long been clear to others, that no one else could so well lead the institution, and join in harmonious activity the trustees and faculty, the alumni, and the undergraduates. Thus his responsibility as a trustee required him to accept the situation, being inaugurated June 28, 1893. The unqualified satisfaction shown by all of the college elements above mentioned is a proof of the wisdom of the final decision.

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EZRA B. ALDEN, an agriculturist of Grafton County, whose farm is located on East Street, near Bear Hill, in the town of Lyme, lives in the house in which he was born, June 25, 1855. He is a son of Amos B. and Lydia M. (Hall) Alden.

Ezra B. Alden is a lineal descendant of the John and Priscilla Alden, of the early Pilgrim Colony of Plymouth, Mass., who have been made famous in Longfellow's incomparable poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish." Their son Joseph married Mary Simmons, and among the children born to them was one they named John; John married Hannah White, and their son David married Judith Paddleford. Deacon David Alden, the son of David and Judith Alden, married Rhoda Leach, who bore him Caleb; Caleb married Susanna Dunbar. Of the children born to them, Ezra married Clarissa Beal, and their son, Amos B., was the father of Ezra B.

Amos B. Alden was born in the eastern section of Lyme, where he reached manhood, married and farmed a few years, before purchasing the farm, now owned by his son, a tract of some 190 acres. His wife, Lydia M. Hall, was born in Newbury, Vt., of John and Polly (Moses) Hall. A brother of Polly Moses Hall was a soldier in the Revolution. Her mother was Lydia Ballou of Warwick, Mass., a sister of the famous Hosea Ballou, the originator of the Universalist Doctrine. From this same Ballou family, President Garfield sprung. John Hall was a shoemaker, and plied his trade in Marchfield, Vt., dying in the adjoining town of Cabot, Vt., at the age of eighty. Our subject's parents reared a family of three girls and two boys: Lydia Ann, deceased; Ezra B., the first of that name, deceased; Mary Isabel, deceased; Ezra B., our subject; and Anna A., the wife of Frank L. Camp, a farmer at Lyme Center. Amos B. Alden was a selectman of the town for some three or four years. He lived on what is now our subject's farm until his death, Dec. 10, 1890; he was born March 13, 1819. His wife was born June 4, 1821, and went to her long rest, April 2, 1867.

Our subject grew up on the farm, and has always lived there. Having a finely wrought musical temperament, which, if rightly cultured, might have brought him fame and success, he was not naturally inclined toward farming, but was thrown into it by circumstances, for he was the only son, and felt it to be his duty to remain on the farm with his father. His father managed the farm during his life-time, and left it to our subject at his death. His father was an expert sheep-raiser, and was among the best producers of staple wool that took their product to the Enfield mills. Our subject runs the farm, principally as a dairy-farm, and makes his own butter, having a complete outfit of the latest and most improved machinery.

On the fifth of September, 1893, in Piermont, Mr. Alden joined his fortunes with those of Luella P. Ames, a daughter of Asa and Mary (Runnels) Ames. Asa Ames was a member of Mt. Cube Lodge, No. 10, F. & A. M., of Orford. Mary Runnels was a daughter of Arthur and Luella (Hall) Runnels, the latter of whom was a daughter of Jesse and Abigail (Smith) Hall. Jesse Hall was a brother of John Hall, a grandfather of our subject on his mother's side. Mr.



and Mrs. Alden are among the leading members of the Baptist Church of Lyme. Mr. Alden is a member of the Morning Star Grange, No. 62, of Lyme. He is also a Mason, and belongs to Mt. Cube Lodge, No. 10, F. & A. M., of Orford, N. H. He is a Republican in his political views, but will not have anything to do with practical politics, or run for office.

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OLIVER DAVIS EASTMAN, M. D., a leading physician and surgeon of the village of Woodsville, N. H., was born July 8, 1858, in Senora, Cal., where his parents had removed from Vermont some years previous.

His father died and left him alone in the world when he was quite young, so our subject came east in 1863, to make his home with his grandfather in Newbury, Vt. He attended the common schools in his boyhood days, and when older prosecuted advanced studies in Newbury Academy, preparing for Dartmouth College, from which institution he graduated in 1882. He read medicine and obtained practical ideas in the healing art in the offices of Dr. H. P. Watson of North Haverhill, and Dr. James A. Davis of Lebanon. One year was then spent in the Medical College of Burlington, Vt., finishing his professional education in the Medical Department of Dartmouth College. He began the practice of medicine at Piermont, Vt., and settled in Woodsville, N. H., in 1884.

In the same year Dr. Eastman married Miss Addie B. Davis of Pike Station, N. H. She is a daughter of Darius K. and Susanna (Howe) Davis. The father was born Nov. 7, 1825, in Northfield, N. H., and was for many years engaged in the buying and selling of general merchandise; he is now retired from active mercantile business, and owns and supervises the cultivation of several large and productive farms. He has been frequently appointed to settle estates and transact other business of a similar character. Darius K. Davis was a son of Nathan B. and Abigail (Bachelder) Davis; the former was born in Loudon, N. H., and followed the pursuit of agriculture. His wife was a daughter of Moses Bachelder. Susanna Howe, the mother of Mrs. Eastman, was a daughter of Daniel and Phoebe (Eaton) Howe. Mrs.

Eastman was the only child born to her parents. Five children have been born to our subject and his wife: D. K., Oliver M., Burns R., Abel Earl, deceased, and Milo Donald.

Dr. Eastman is a member of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F.; Mt. Gardner Lodge, No. 25, Knights of Pythias; Kane Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M., and Franklin Chapter, No. 5, of the same order, and St. Girard Commandery of Littleton. He intends taking the degrees of the council and consistory, and also of the Temple of the Mystic Shrine in the near future. With his brother practitioners he is associated in the State Medical Society, and in the White Mountain Medical Society. Dr. Eastman was one of the originators of the St. Andrew's Benevolent Society of Newbury, Vt., and is its treasurer, and medical director. He allies himself with the Democratic party in political contests, and has for several years been an honored member of the school board. His medical practice is of large proportions and well-established. He is held in high esteem by his townsmen, who place the greatest confidence in his professional ability and skill.

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FRANK I. SPENCER, a dairy-farmer, who is engaged in the prosecution of that branch of agriculture on his stock-farm south of the village of Hanover, was born in Norwich, Vt., Dec. 10, 1857. He is a son of George and Lydia (Pettigrew) Spencer, and grandson of Joseph Gates and Persis (Fuller) Spencer.

Our subject's grandfather was from the State of Connecticut, and followed farming in Norwich from the time of his settlement there until his death. Our subject's mother was a daughter of Isaac and Betsey (Howe) Pettigrew, and granddaughter on her father's side of Stephen and Rehepha (Williams) Pettigrew, and on her mother's side of James and Hannah (Phillips) Howe of Sharon, Vt. To our subject's parents were born five children, as follows: Ella Persis, deceased; George A., deceased; Frank I., the subject of this sketch, succeeded to the farm, and Lenna B., deceased.

After the death of Mr. Spencer, his widow married Joseph Tilden, a well-to-do farmer of Hanover, and native of Lebanon, who was like

a father to the fatherless orphans, and is spoken of affectionately, as only a father is spoken of. On Mr. Tilden's death his widow and her son, the subject of this sketch, succeeded to the farm. Mr. Tilden was a member of the Congregational Church, and a Republican in politics. His first marriage to Elizabeth Virgin resulted in no offspring, as did his second marriage with Mrs. Lydia E. Spencer.

Frank I. Spencer was six years old when he came to Hanover with his mother to live; he attended the district schools of Hanover and Norwich Academy until his twentieth year. He married when he was twenty-two, and worked on a farm two years, the first year for his stepfather, to whom his mother was married when he was 10 years old, and the subsequent year for his father-in-law. He then bought a farm in the town of Lebanon, and began to do for himself, occupying that farm twelve years. In 1893 he bought his present farm of 100 acres just outside the village of Hanover; it is devoted to dairy-farming, and supports upwards of thirty cattle.

Mr. Spencer was married March 22, 1880, in Lebanon, to Miss Sarah Mills Barstow, daughter of M. H. Barstow of Lebanon, whose sketch may be found on another page of this volume. One daughter has been born to our subject and his wife, Mabel B., a pupil in the schools of Hanover. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are members of the Congregational Church of Hanover, and also of Grafton Star Grange, No. 60, of Hanover. Mr. Spencer's preferences, politically, are Republican.

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BENJAMIN DARWIN HOWE, deceased, who during his lifetime conducted a book-binding and printing establishment and also a book-store in the village of Hanover, N. H., was the son of Benjamin C. Howe. Our subject was born in Pomfret, Vt., in 1814, and spent his boyhood days in Pomfret and Woodstock, learning his trade of a book-binder at the latter place.

About 1831 he went to Claremont, N. H., and accepted a position as superintendent of a large book-binding establishment, which position he successfully and faithfully filled until he decided to come to Hanover, in 1850. Upon his arrival

in Hanover he embarked in business for himself, keeping a book-store, and conducting a book-binding establishment until his death in 1867. He was a first-class business man, brimming over with energy and life, and an enthusiastic worker in anything that interested him. He was a strong Republican, and although he never accepted public office, he was found in the front ranks of its hard workers. Socially, he was an active member of Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M. of Lebanon.

He was joined in marriage in December, 1839, to Eliza Hitchcock, daughter of John and Sarah (Webster) Hitchcock of Claremont. Five children were born to them, namely: Sarah M., died at the age of seven; Caroline G., died at the age of one; John R., died when two years old; Emily H., who resides with her mother at Hanover; and Charles H. W., who graduated at Dartmouth with the Class of '78, and from the Medical Department in the Class of '81; he died in 1881, aged twenty-three.

John Hitchcock, the father of Mrs. Howe, was the son of John Hitchcock, Sr., who was born in 1747 in New Haven, Conn., and became one of the first settlers of Claremont, N. H., locating in that place about 1768, and engaging in his calling of a farmer. He was married in 1774 to Phoebe Tyler, who was born in Wallingford, Conn., the daughter of Col. Benjamin Tyler. They reared a family of twelve sons and three daughters; the father died in 1835. John Hitchcock, Jr., the fifth child, was born in Claremont, N. H., in 1781. He was a millwright by trade, and followed his chosen vocation until old age prevented him from longer keeping up active work. His last eight years were spent in Hanover, where he died in 1858. He married Sarah Webster, who bore him three children: Eliza, widow of Benjamin D. Howe; John R.; and Thomas W. Mrs. Hitchcock passed away at the age of seventy-seven.

Mrs. Howe resides in Hanover, occupying a house, which was formerly the residence of the first president of Dartmouth College. Although it is over one hundred years old, it is still in a wonderfully good state of preservation. The inside finishing has been left as it originally was, and the few modern adjustments that have been made have not interfered with the marked beauty of the interior.







REV. LORIN WEBSTER.

REV. LORIN WEBSTER, rector of the Holderness School for Boys, was born in Claremont, N. H., and is a son of Lorin A. and Sophronia N. (Pierce) Webster, and grandson of Atkinson Webster, who was the son of Stephen Webster. Stephen Webster was a captain in the Revolutionary War, and was present at the battles of Saratoga, Stony Point, and Dimon's Island. Atkinson Webster was born in Haverhill, Mass., but settled in Concord, N. H., where he worked at his trade of a carpenter, and cultivated his farm. He lived to the good old age of seventy-nine. His father's children were: Jonathan, Stephen, Richard, Esther, David, Susan, Atkinson, James, and Lorin A.

Lorin A. Webster learned the carpenter's and builder's trade under his father, and followed it until his sudden death, in Jan. 23, 1857, at the age of twenty-eight. He was at a mill in Concord for lumber, and, being startled by a sudden noise, with others rushed to the engine and boiler room to ascertain the cause. They found the engineer engaged in drawing the fire, for the boiler was empty. Mr. Webster at once rendered his assistance, but while he was at work the boiler exploded, killing him instantly and leaving the engineer unscathed. Mr. Webster's wife is still living; she is a daughter of June and Sally (Joslyn) Pierce of Claremont, N. H. Our subject's parents had three children, of whom Lorin is the only one living. The other two, Carroll A., and an infant unnamed, died while young.

Rev. Lorin Webster finished the course of education prescribed in the public schools, and entered St. Paul's School, at Concord, from which he was graduated in 1876. He then entered Trinity College, from which he received his diploma in 1880, and entered the Berkeley Divinity School at Middletown, Conn. In 1883 he came to Holderness as master in the Holderness school and held that post for one year, when he was extended a call as rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church at Ashland, N. H. He accepted and officiated eight years to the entire satisfaction and good of the parishioners; the membership of the parish was built up very much by his efforts.

In 1892 he was elected rector of the Holderness School for Boys. It is a diocesan school of the Episcopal Church, and was founded with the

design of giving New Hampshire boys, and others who might choose to avail themselves of the privilege, the maximum advantage in preparing for college. The school also has a science course and fits boys for the scientific schools. It was opened, in 1879, with Rev. F. M. Gray as rector and president; he did much to establish it upon a solid and lasting foundation. In 1886 Rev. Mr. Gray was succeeded by Rev. F. C. Coolbough, who resigned in 1892, when our subject was elected to the place thus made vacant.

Mr. Webster has secured a corps of masters of exceptional ability, and in their report to the Diocesan Convention, the trustees declare that the school was never in a more satisfactory condition. Holderness School has numerous advantages in its unsurpassed location, in point of healthfulness, and picturesque beauty. The fine buildings arise from the midst of a beautiful lawn, which does not lack for shade from the burning rays of the summer sun. All the buildings are supplied with mountain spring water, are heated by steam and lighted by electricity. The building, in which the school was organized, was once the well-known home of Chief Justice Samuel Livermore; this structure was destroyed by fire in 1882. The following summer witnessed the erection of two substantial brick buildings with superior accommodations, and carefully planned to promote the health and comfort of the pupils. Adjoining the school is a picturesque little chapel, in which Sunday services are held; the location is hardly with an equal, being located upon a bluff 700 feet above sea level, with a broad, open view of the valleys of the Pemigewasset and Baker Rivers to Moosilanke and its neighboring peaks, and to the Franconia group of the White Mountains. The view is characterized not only for its beauty, but also for its grandeur. The school is one-half mile from Plymouth Railway Station, making it extremely convenient for those patrons of the school that live at a distance.

Rev. Mr. Webster married Jennie J., daughter of Hon. Daniel N. and Calista (Richardson) Adams. Mr. Adams was one of Springfield's, N. H., business men. He served as Senator in 1850. His death occurred July 2, 1886. Our subject has three children: Harold A., born Aug. 12, 1885; Bertha L., born June 24, 1887; Jerome

P., born Aug. 2, 1888. Rev. Mr. Webster is a member of Mt. Prospect Lodge, No. 69, F. & A. M., also of Pemigewasset Chapter, R. A. M., and Omega Council. He is Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of the State. He is also an active member of the Grange, and is president of the Agricultural Association, now known as the Plymouth Association. He understands music thoroughly, being a composer of no mean ability; he is president of the board of management of the New Hampshire Music Teachers' Association.

The portrait of Rev. Mr. Webster will be found on another page in connection with this sketch.

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JOHN W. BUCKLEY, a rising young engineer on the B. & M. R. R., who is on the way to success, was born in Victor, Vt., Feb. 13, 1863, and resides at Woodsville. He is the eldest of ten children born to his parents, of whom seven survive. His father, Michael Buckley, was a native of Millstreet, County Cork, Ireland; he came to this country in 1860, and took up the pursuit of agriculture, rounding out a well-spent life May 2, 1896. Michael's parents were John and Mary (Mitchell) Buckley, both natives of Ireland, the former of County Kerry, and the latter of County Cork. Both died in the old country. Our subject's mother, Mary Sullivan, was born in Ireland, County Waterford, and came to this country when nine years of age, about 1845. Her father, Michael Sullivan, was a native of County Waterford; his wife was Margaret Connell; both departed this life in the land of their adoption.

While a boy, our subject attended school in Wells River, Newbury, and in South Ryegate, Vermont, whenever he had opportunity, up to his 18th year. At ten years of age he took up the task of self-support, working on the farm of Robert Nelson, situated some two miles above Wells River, and later for Moses Buchanan, attending school in the winter months. In 1879 he began his connection with the B. C. & M. R. R., as a cleaner at Fabian's. During the fall months he acted as emergency fireman, and then returned to Mr. Gibson's home at South Ryegate, District No. 3, Vermont, where he at-

tended school through the winter. At the close of the school term he resumed his position on the road as fireman, and on Feb. 1, 1882, in recognition of his steadiness and trusty character, he was given charge of an engine, engaged in shifting in the yards. From that time until 1895, he was spare engineer, except the years 1886-87, when he ran a freight between Concord and Woodsville, and for the Boston & Lowell Railroad. He has now a regular run. Mr. Buckley has been in but one wreck, in which he received any injury; the injuries on that single occasion were caused by broken glass from the cab windows, when running into a snowdrift one winter.

Our subject was married Oct. 4, 1886, to Alice G. Keeble, a native of Plymouth, N. H. She is the eldest of two daughters born to James and Amanda (Kilden) Keeble of Plymouth. Her younger sister Edna married Frank Merritt of Concord. Mrs. Buckley is a member of the M. E. Church of Woodsville. Mr. Buckley is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Concord Division, No. 335. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party.

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GEORGE W. JOHNSON, a respected farmer of the town of Hanover, was born in Cambridge, Vt., Aug. 11, 1834. He is a son of Peter J. C. Johnson, who married Triphena Elmore, a daughter of David Elmore, a farmer by occupation, born in Queechey, Vt.

Our subject's father was born in Norwich, Vt., and took up the occupation of a farmer; he lived in Underhill, Vt., twenty years, and then returned to his native town, where he died about 1882, aged sixty-five years; our subject's mother died in 1886, also about sixty-five years of age.

George W. Johnson was reared in Underhill, Vt., until he was twenty years old, and then in Norwich until 1868. In that year he went to Winona, Minn., where he lived five years, returning to Norwich and renting a farm for two years. About 1875, he bought the farm he now owns in the town of Hanover, the property consisting of about 130 acres, of which 25 acres are plow-land.



Mr. Johnson married as his first wife Siloma Moores, daughter of Benjamin Moores, who married a Miss Campbell. Of our subject's first union were born six children, five girls and one boy, as follows: Ada, who married John Rand, and is living in Minnesota; Emma, the wife of John Raymond of Manchester, N. H.; Nellie married Fred Tenney of Windsor, Vt., and has one child; Nina married Joseph Gove of Boston, and has one child; Edith is the wife of Harry Temple of Boston; Lee, the only son, died when five years old. Our subject's second matrimonial union was made in Union Village, Vt., to Julia Alzina Gibbs, daughter of Charles and Mary (Bryant) Gibbs. Both of Mrs. Johnson's grandfathers, Samuel Gibbs and James Bryant, were pensioners of the War of 1812. Mr. Johnson's grandfather on his father's side was a soldier of the Revolution. Our subject and wife are attendants of the Baptist Church at Hanover Center. Mr. Johnson is a stanch Democrat, and has served as road surveyor a number of years. He is a valuable member of the community in which he resides, and well thought of as a just, honorable man, who would scorn to do a wrong, or inflict an injury on society.

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HON. BENJ. F. TRUSSELL, a manufacturer of bobbins and lumber, with his plant located in the town of Orford, N. H., was born in the same town, Sept. 9, 1835. His parents were Benjamin Trussell and Asenath (English) French.

The Trussell family, of whom we are writing, sprung from two brothers who came from England in early Colonial days. Daniel Trussell, the grandfather of our subject, lived most of his life in Boscawen, N. H., where he cultivated a farm. His brother Moses lost an arm at the Battle of Bunker Hill. There were several boys in the family, and their father, a genuine patriot, when he realized the impending conflict between the English and the Colonists, took down the old gun, the only fire-arm the family possessed, and told his sons that one of them must take the gun, and go and help in the fighting that was to come. Moses went first, and served through the Battle of Bunker Hill, but while carrying off

the wounded, a stray shot from the British fleet tore away his arm. He brought back the old gun, and another brother took it into the service of the Patriot Army. Daniel Trussell married Anna Knowlton Dec. 11, 1790; she was from Boscawen, N. H., and died in Orford.

Benjamin Trussell, the father of our subject, was born in Boscawen, N. H., March 31, 1795, and died Jan. 10, 1882. When a child, his parents moved to Orford, and in that town he spent his youthful years. When fourteen years old, he went to Canaan to learn the millwright's trade from an uncle, remaining there till he was of age, living a part of the time in Franklin, where his uncle had moved. When he attained his majority he returned to Orford and made it his home the rest of his life. Following his trade, he built mills in all the surrounding towns, being away from home on such work nearly every summer. In 1846, he bought the place, now owned by his son, and did not work away from home much afterward. He bought a shingle mill with his residence, and operated that and a turning mill, and repair shop. Up to the latest years of his life, he was always engaged in work, the work necessarily being lighter in his old age, for he could not bear to remain idle. His first wife was Sophia Derby, and by their marriage Mr. Trussell became the father of three children, namely: Anna S., deceased; Charlotte H., deceased; and Priscilla N., who is married and living in the State of New York. His second wife, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Goodell) English, who were married May 2, 1797; Mary Goodell, who was born Aug. 30, 1776, and died at the age of 83, was a daughter of John Goodell, who was one of the first settlers of the town of Lyme, on Goodell Brook. Andrew English was born in Lyme on the River Road, Aug. 18, 1772, and died at the age of 83; he was a farmer all his life. His father was James English, a farmer by occupation, coming, it is thought, to New Hampshire from Connecticut; he saw a little service in the War of the Revolution in the defense of Plattsburgh, N. Y. Our subject's mother by her first marriage with Mr. French had one child, a daughter, Sarah P. French, now deceased; she was the wife of Stillman Richardson. Her union with

our subject's father resulted in the birth of five children, as follows: Martha C., deceased; Lucy B. and Lucia S., both deceased; Benj. F., our subject; and Celinda C., the wife of George W. Lamprey of Orfordville.

Benj. F. Trussell passed his youthful years near Orfordville, attending the district schools till he was twenty-one; at that age he went to Lowell, Mass., remaining there through the winter, engaged at the trade of a carpenter. He returned home in the spring, and has lived in Orford ever since, making it his home at first to please his mother, who had been made lonely by the death of a daughter. On his return from Lowell in 1857, he went into partnership with his father, and operated a shingle mill until 1866, when our subject built a saw-mill, and in 1887 added a bobbin mill. Up to the year 1882, he used water-power wholly; since then he has had steam power to rely upon, having introduced a steam engine.

He was married Dec. 30, 1862, in Orfordville, to Emma A. Russell, daughter of Nathaniel and Persis (Hancock) Russell; they have one child, George F., born Aug. 17, 1873. They also adopted a daughter, Mary E., who was born Feb. 23, 1882; she is now in the High School in Bristol. Our subject's wife is a member of the Congregational Church of Orfordville. Mr. Trussell is a Republican, and has held for a greater or smaller period nearly every office in the town. He was selectman four years; town clerk twenty-three years, and representative for two terms. He is a member of the Masonic Order, Mt. Cube Lodge, No. 10, of Orford. He has been secretary and treasurer of the Orford Creamery and Butter Manufacturing Co. since its organization, also the Orford Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and has been Justice of the Peace thirty years.

George F. Trussell learned the dairy business, at which he worked some three years at Orfordville and Bristol. For one summer he worked for Moseley & Stoddard of Rutland, setting up creamery machinery in various towns in several of the neighboring states. He was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony May 21, 1895, in Bristol to Grace H. Tilton, daughter of Green L. Tilton of Bristol, whose wife was Sarah Jane Fellows. George F. Trussell is a member of the Bristol Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

SAMUEL FULLER BALL, a dairy-farmer of the town of Lyme, was born in Thetford, Vt., May 1, 1833. He is a son of Elisha P. and Lydia (Chamberlain) Ball, grandson of John Ball, Jr., and great-grandson of John Ball, Sr.

John Ball, Sr., lived to a very old age, and our subject remembers him, when he, himself, was six or seven years old; he was an expert stone-cutter, and his principal occupation was carving grave-stones. He married Mary Chamberlain. His son, John Ball, Jr., was born in Hollis, Vt., and was also a stone-cutter by trade. His death took place unexpectedly at the age of 58; he was afflicted with heart trouble, and dropped dead in the road, after helping a man to get his team and load up the hill. He enlisted in the War of 1812, but peace was declared before he saw actual service; he had proceeded to the front as far as Plattsburgh, N. Y. He married Sophia Pomeroy.

Elisha P. Ball was born in Vershire, Vt., Aug. 10, 1810, and lived to be sixty-one years old; he began farming in Thetford, Vt., and died at subject's home; he was also a stone-cutter, but he broke his leg, and had to quit that trade; his wife Lydia A. Chamberlain was born Sept. 18, 1808. Five children were born to our subject's parents: Samuel F., our subject; William Merrill, deceased; Lydia Lestina; Amelia R., deceased; and Charles Carroll, deceased. His wife was a daughter of Samuel Chamberlain, who married a Miss Dowse. Samuel Chamberlain was the first male child born in Thetford, Vt. The great-grandfather of our subject on his mother's side of the house was named John Chamberlain, but commonly went by the name of "Quail John"; he was an early settler of Lyme, and how well he improved his opportunities is shown by the following verses:

"Old Quail John, when he first came on,  
Was as poor as a calf in the spring;  
And now he's as rich, as old Gov. Fitch,  
And lives like a lord and a king."

The subject of this memoir was eleven years old when the family came to the town of Lyme, having lived in Hanover, Lebanon, Hartford, and Thetford. He remained at home under the family roof until he was twenty-one, going to the district schools, and assisting his father. He then hired out for three or four years, after which he was employed about five years in a



lumber mill in Dorchester, N. H. When he was thirty years old he farmed for himself two years, and then for a year or two kept a boarding-house for the hands at the saw-mill, where he had himself worked. He finally returned to the farm, where he now resides, and has made it his home ever since, except four years he spent as superintendent of a large farm in Massachusetts. His farm consists of 100 acres, and under the old tariff, protecting American wool, was devoted to sheep-raising, supporting upwards of 125 sheep. It is now a dairy-farm, and is stocked with from ten to twelve cows.

Mr. Ball was married in Thetford, Vt., Jan. 4, 1863, to Laura A. Gordon, a daughter of Cyrus and Olive (Jesseman) Gordon; a sketch of the Gordon family will be found in this book, incorporated into the biography of Hon. John H. Derby. Mr. and Mrs. Ball are prominent and leading members of the Congregational Church, and are liberal in their support of all good causes. Mr. Ball was a charter member of the original Morning Star Grange, No. 62, of the town of Lyme. He is a stanch Republican, and was elected selectman in 1894; he has served with efficiency as road surveyor and as a member of the school committee.

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JOHN M. FULLER, a progressive and leading farmer of the town of Hanover, N. H., owns and successfully manages the old State Agricultural Farm, near the village of Hanover; the land is intervale of the best quality that can be found in New Hampshire, and is wonderfully productive; the farm and the buildings are in excellent condition, and are so arranged as to be of the greatest service possible to our subject in his special industry of dairy-farming.

Our subject is a son of Milo Marsh, although bearing the name of his step-father, who adopted him. Milo Marsh was born in 1789, and died in 1838, the same year in which his son was born; he married Mary A. Hutchinson and to them were given three children: Frances E. (Bradbury); Wealthy V. (Atwood), and John M., our subject. Soon after the death of Milo Marsh, his widow married James Fuller, who was born in Vershire, Vt., and was a descendant of a family that has been represented in this country

since the landing of the Mayflower, for one James Fuller came over in that famous ship, and the family settled in Weston, Mass. The ancestors of James Fuller moved to Vershire, Vt., where he was born in 1793. He was reared and educated to the vocation of a farmer. His first marriage was to Sabra Tracy, who died and left him two children; one died at the age of eighteen, and Walter, who grew to manhood. Mr. Fuller's second helpmate was Rachel George; at her death, she left one daughter, who died at the age of thirteen. His third wife was the mother of our subject, Mrs. Mary A. (Hutchinson) Marsh; they were married in 1844.

John M. Fuller was born Sept. 2, 1838, in Brashier, Franklin Co., N. Y.; although born in New York State, few of his years have been spent there, for soon after his father's decease, his mother returned to Vermont, her native State, to the town of Norwich, in 1839; from that time till her second marriage she supported herself and children by teaching school. When she married James Fuller, she removed to West Fairlee, Vt., to make her home, and our subject went with her, and in that town he passed the greater part of his early life, and there he secured a district school education. His father died in 1860 and his mother in 1865.

John M. Fuller at the death of his father succeeded to the ownership of the farm in West Fairlee, Vt., and remained on it until the death of his mother, he then sold it and purchased the well-known "Grass Land Stock Farm" of Hanover, N. H., settling upon it the same year. The farm lay just north of the village, along the east bank of the Connecticut River; on this fine piece of farming property Mr. Fuller carried on a dairy farm, and conducted a milk route in the village until 1887, when he sold it. The following year he took charge of the New Hampshire State Farm of the Agricultural College at Hanover, and managed the same most satisfactorily for the State until the change in location of the Agricultural College was made in 1892. He then purchased the farm, which consists of 340 acres of the best land in New Hampshire, well-equipped in the way of buildings. Mr. Fuller is practical and uniformly successful in carrying out his ideas of farming. The milk product from the farm is taken to the Hanover Co-operative Creamery, of which he is president. Every-



thing about the farm is carried on on a large scale, and yield handsome profits to its very capable owner.

Our subject's nuptials with Martha S. Driggs were consummated Dec. 25 (Christmas), 1865; Mrs. Fuller is a daughter of Hiram C. Driggs of Fairlee, Vt. Two children have blessed their union: Mary E., and Fred D. Mary E. married Albert H. Wood, professor in the State Agricultural College; they have one child, Kenneth F., and make their home at Durham, N. H. Fred D. is a graduate of the State Agricultural College, Class of 1892, and spent one year in Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Three years were employed in the New Hampshire Experiment Station; in 1895 he went to the Experiment Station at Geneva, N. Y. He married Abbie Chamberlin of Durham, N. H., and has one child, Mabel I. John M. Fuller is a Democrat, and at the time of the change of the school system, in 1887, he was elected chairman of the town school board and served efficiently in that capacity for two years. He is a member and master of the Grafton Star Grange.

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HARRY E. WEEKS, who departed his life Jan. 3, 1897, was a prosperous and prominent agriculturist of Bath, was born in that town Nov. 9, 1863, and was a son of John and Asenath (Smith) Weeks, both natives of Bath. The grandfather of our subject was a well-to-do farmer of Bath, and was among the leading men, being firmly placed in the affections and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He owned and tilled a large farm during the active period of his life. He was the father of the following children: Moses, Jonathan, Alfred, Dudley, Willard, John, Emily, and Eliza. Religiously, they were Congregationalists, and attended the church of that denomination in Bath.

John C. Weeks, the father of Harry E. Weeks, was born in Bath in 1800; his education, was confined to what he received in the district schools of his native town. He lived under the parental roof until he married, which was about the year 1822, when he secured a farm, and afterwards made it his home, cultivating his land and engaging in general agriculture. He was a very successful man and was universally

liked by all who knew and appreciated his sterling worth. He married Maria Powers, a native of Bath, and to them were given six children, namely: Mary, Charles, Luella, David, Luvia, and Maria. After the death of his first wife he contracted a second matrimonial alliance with Asenath Smith, a daughter of Reuben Smith of Lyman, N. H., and to them were born five children. The record is as follows: John F., Isaac S., Ellen F., Moses A., Harry E. Mrs. Weeks died in 1891; the father departed this life of trouble in 1874. The family attended the Congregational Church of Bath.

Harry E. Weeks, the subject of this brief sketch, after completing his education in the district schools of Bath, at the age of fifteen took upon himself the management of the home farm, where he remained for three years. For four years succeeding this he hired out as a farm hand. He then purchased a farm of 125 acres with his savings, which he tilled with flattering success. He was a young man of marked ability and was striving by honest means to obtain a competence, and so acquire influence in a world where money means so much. He was Republican in his political views and enthusiastically supported the principles advocated by that party.

Dec. 2, 1886, he joined his fortunes with those of Nellie M., daughter of Alden E. and Emily (Woodman) Martin, and into their home have come three children: Alice M., born July 24, 1887; Ethel M., born Feb. 14, 1889; and Mabel E., born Jan. 14, 1890, who is the only one that has been spared by the grim destroyer, Death. They are members of the Congregational Church of Bath.

Alden E. Martin of Haverhill, N. H., the father of Mrs. Harry E. Weeks, was born in the town of his life-long residence, July 17, 1825; he received his education in the schools of his native town, and at an early age hired out as a farm hand. He has followed farming all his life, and has been quite successful. In politics, he is a Democrat. He married Emily Woodman of Woodstock, N. H., Nov. 24, 1853, and has become the parent of seven children, who are as follows: George W., Alice J., Harry E., Charles E., Willie A., Nellie M., the wife of our subject, and Orrin L. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are Methodists in religious belief.





HON. JOSEPH ALLEN DODGE.





MRS. J. A. DODGE.



HON. JOSEPH ALLEN DODGE, deceased, was the son of John Dodge, and the grandson of John Dodge, Sr. (See history of Dodge family.)

Joseph Allen Dodge was born in New Boston, Hillsboro Co., N. H., May 1, 1818. He received his education in the schools of New Boston and New London; his school days over, he set out to earn his own livelihood by working on his father's farm during the summers, and in the long winter season teaching schools in and about New Boston.

Being a man of lofty purpose, he became dissatisfied with this sort of a life. Leaving farming and school teaching as occupations uncongenial to his taste, he journeyed to Boston and entered into the service of the Boston & Lowell R. R. as shipping clerk in the city freight depot, under the venerable R. Sherburn, who was at that time master of transportation. When the Montreal road was opened Mr. Sherburn was appointed freight agent; he, remembering Mr. Dodge's efficient work as shipping clerk, sent him to Sanbornton Bridge (now Tilton) to act as station agent. When the road was completed to Laconia he was transferred to that station; he also "broke in" agents at intermediate stations. Mr. Dodge took charge of the station at Meredith Village when the road was completed to that point. In January, 1850, the rails were laid to Plymouth, and Mr. Dodge came to represent the road at this place, remaining here until his death.

He was appointed to the office of general freight agent in the spring of 1852, became superintendent in 1860, and was finally chosen to the office of general manager, an office left vacant by the death of John E. Lyon. He held this position till the year previous to his death, when he resigned on account of failing health; he still retained his directorship in the road, however.

It is largely owing to the untiring energies of Mr. Dodge, John E. Lyon, and Joseph P. Pitman that the Boston, Concord & Montreal R. R. and branches enjoy their present prosperity.

Mr. Dodge was no office-seeker, but at the earnest solicitations of his many admirers in the Democratic party, of which he was always an active member, he consented to the use of his name on the ticket and was elected to the State Legislature in the three successive campaigns of 1868-69-70. He was a Presidential Elector from

this State on the Tilden ticket in 1876; he was also appointed by Governor Weston a colonel on his staff. In 1859 he became a Master Mason, belonging to Olive Branch Lodge. Mr. Dodge was an attendant of the Congregational Church.

A year previous to his death his health began to fail, and he accordingly took a trip to California in the hope of obtaining relief and new strength. His hope was vain, and returning home to his native place, he passed away to the land of rest on Aug. 10, 1883. The community sustained a great loss in his death.

Mr. Dodge was married in 1843 to Mary A., daughter of David and Sally (Hogg) Tewksbury of New Boston, N. H. The three children born to them were: Mary Emeline, died, aged seven months; Lizzie A.; and John Allen, the latter dying in early youth. Lizzie A. married William R. Park, a lumber merchant of Plymouth. They have six children: Mary E., Joseph A., Richard, Ruth A., Esther, Ketharene.

Mrs. Dodge still lives to enjoy the declining years of a well-spent life in a Gothic cottage, the beautiful home of her late husband. The portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Dodge, which accompany this sketch, add a decided value to the biographical records of Grafton Co.

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HON. EDWARD P. STORRS, the gentleman whose name heads this brief personal history, is a leading business man of the town and village of Hanover, N. H. He is a proprietor of the Dartmouth Book Store, and a member of the firm of Storrs & Weston, dry goods merchants and clothiers, with a store in Hanover, and one in Olcott, Vt. Mr. Storrs is a descendant of a family long represented in this country. He was born in the town of Hanover, N. H., May 18, 1842, and at the age of sixteen began to clerk in a store in Lyme, remaining there two years, and then returning to Hanover, where he worked in a store for two years. The next three years were spent in the west, where he was employed on a railroad. When he again took up his residence in Hanover he went into business with Mr. Clough, and was associated with him seven years. He then bought out the Claremont Stationery Co., and conducted a



very successful wholesale and retail business for seven years. Returning to Hanover, he again entered the commercial circles of that town, and founded the book-store, which he still conducts. He also became interested in the clothing business with Maj. H. J. Weston, who has the sole management of their stores in Olcott, Vt., and Hanover.

Our subject's great-grandfather, Maj. Joseph Storrs, as he was always styled, was the largest landowner in North Mansfield, Conn., and a man very active and influential in affairs. He was one of the Mansfield proprietors of the new town of Hanover, N. H., the first town meeting for which place was held in Mansfield at his house in 1761.

He was also among those of the Storrs family who made gifts of land to Dartmouth College, his contributions amounting to 110 acres.

Our subject's grandfather, Augustus Storrs, was born in Mansfield, Conn., and was one of the early settlers of the town of Hanover, where he had a large grant of land, a portion of which he deeded to Dartmouth College. He was much interested in the growth and welfare of the town, and was an earnest advocate of any project which would conspire to its benefit.

Augustus Storrs had been destined by his father for Dartmouth College, but not caring for this, he took the farm in Hanover, N. H., and William went to Dartmouth in his place. He spent his life in Hanover, and was one of its prominent citizens, selectman, justice of the peace, and for eleven years member of the New Hampshire Legislature. He died Aug. 7, 1838. He married Annie Forbes, who departed this life at the age of seventy-four. They reared the following family of eight children: Augustus, Abias, Daniel, Royal, Adna, Nancy, Polly, and Laura.

Adna Storrs was born in the town of Hanover, where he was reared and educated to agricultural pursuits, and proved by his notable efforts in that direction to be a practical as well as successful farmer. He died at the age of seventy-nine. He married Miss Goodell, daughter of Luther Goodell of Lyme, N. H.; her death occurred when she was seventy-eight years old. Their children were four in number: Augustus died at the age of thirty; Helen (Alden); Edward P., the subject of this sketch; and Laura (Foster).

Edward P. Storrs was united in marriage, in 1869, to Julia Steele, daughter of David Steele of Lyme, N. H., and they have reared six children: May L., Carrie A., Adna D., Edward P., Jr.; Hattie A., and Harry C. Socially, Mr. Storrs is a member of the Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 6; St. Andrews Chapter, and Sullivan Commandery. He is a Republican, and fearless in the expression of his beliefs and convictions; he has served as selectman, and as precinct commissioner four years. He represented the town of Hanover in the State Legislature in 1893. Ever since the introduction of the water works system he has been assistant and superintendent. Mr. Storrs has met with continued success in his business life; he attracts a large and desirable class of patrons to his stores by the attractive manner in which he is known to display his goods, by his genial, good-natured manners, and not least by his unvarying habits of honor and probity.

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CYRUS DOWNING, a leading farmer of Wentworth, N. H., was born in 1850. He was reared and educated in Ellsworth, N. H., by his grandfather, Jonathan Downing, a farmer of that town. His grandfather died at the age of 74, and left a family of six children.

Cyrus Downing came to Wentworth at an early age, and has spent his life there, engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. He has been quite successful in his chosen profession, and is never found behind the times in methods of farming. He is a good citizen, and is much respected by his neighbors.

In 1869, he was married to Susan, daughter of Ira Ellsworth of Wentworth. They have been blessed with a family of three children: Fred H.; Eugene C., and Allen F. Mr. Downing lives on a farm, about two miles southeast of Wentworth village, consisting of 250 acres. He has served as selectman of the town. He is a member of the Wentworth Grange, No. 199, and is master of the same. Both Mr. Downing and wife are loyal supporters and regular attendants of the Congregational Church. Mr. Downing has served as superintendent of the Congregational Sunday School for three years.

SCOTT SLOANE, a member of the law firm of Smith & Sloane, of Woodsville, was born in Montreal, Canada, June 16, 1853. He is the son of Thomas C. and Mary (Grant) Sloane, and the grandson of David Sloane. David Sloane was a native of Massachusetts; studying law as his profession. He became a very able lawyer, and was held in great respect by his associates of the bar. He located for the practice of his profession in Haverhill, N. H., where he lived the remainder of his life. He was an active and leading man in town and public affairs. He married Miss Johnson, daughter of Col. Thomas Johnson of Newbury, Vt. She died at the age of seventy-five. Mr. Sloane departed this life at the age of eighty. They reared seven children, who were named as follows: Thomas C., David, Scott, Charles, Edward, William, Henry, and Elizabeth.

Thomas C. Sloane was born in Haverhill, N. H., and was given a good education. He married Mrs. Mary Grant of Montreal, Canada; a few years after the marriage, the family moved to New York City, where Mr. Sloane was in the employ of Mason & Co. on Pearl Street. He remained with the firm a number of years, until his health began to fail him, when he retired to Haverhill, living there the remainder of his life, and dying there at the age of about sixty-six. His wife also fell into that last blessed sleep that knows no waking this side of the grave, at about the same age. Three boys, who yet survive them, composed their family. John D. Sloane lives in St. Paul, Minn. He was First Assistant Engineer in the United States Navy, previous to his going west. He is now extensively engaged in mining and manufacturing, and is Supervising Inspector of that district. Scott was the second son and is the subject of this memoir. William H. is in the furniture business in New York City.

Scott Sloane was about three years old when his parents moved to New York, and accordingly owes his primary education to the school system of that city. He came to Haverhill with his parents, and soon turned his attention to the legal profession as a means for acquiring a livelihood, and a place in life. He studied law with Mr. G. F. Putnam, attorney at Haverhill, and Mr. E. W. Smith, attorney at Wells River, Vt. He was admitted to the bar in 1883, and imme-

diately began his practice in Woodsville, N. H., where he still resides. He has been associated with Mr. Smith since 1885. Mr. Sloane has gained an enviable reputation as a prominent and generally successful member of the bar of Grafton County. His qualifications are such that he is sure to become an ornament to the profession of his choice. He is a strong Republican, and an indefatigable worker in the interests of his party. He married, in 1885, Annabel, daughter of William H. Nelson of Haverhill, N. H.

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AUGUSTUS H. ROBERTS, a leading grocer of the town and village of Hanover, N. H., was born in Sharon, Vt., Feb. 8, 1853; he is a son of Mabel H. Roberts, and a grandson of Eliphalet Roberts, a farmer, who spent most of his life in Sharon, Vt., living to be over seventy years of age. He reared five children: Lucian; Willis; Emiline; Mashaline; and Mabel H.

The latter was born in Sharon, Vt., and lived there until 1891, engaged in pursuits of an agricultural nature; in that year he moved to Norwich, N. H., where he now lives at the age of seventy. He married Sarah Richardson, daughter of Aurora Richardson of North Hampton, Mass.; she is sixty-six years old. Their union was blessed with six children: Augustus, deceased; Josephine (Howard); Catharine; Julia A. (Carter); Gertrude (Hawkins); and Augustus H. Our subject's parents favored the Free Will Baptist Church.

Mr. Roberts spent his boyhood days in Sharon; his first introduction to a business life was as a clerk for H. H. Clough in Hanover, with whom he remained four years and a half; the following five years and a half were spent in the store of Mr. Cobb of Hanover. He then began business on his own account, opening the grocery store in Hanover, which he still conducts.

Mr. Roberts was married, in 1874, to Mary Richardson, daughter of Fred Richardson of Goshen, Mass.; one daughter was born them, who is attending Mt. Holyoke Seminary, being a member of the Class of 1900. Our subject is a Republican politically. He is a member of the Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 76, I. O. O. F., and also Junior O. U. A. M.



HON. EDWARD WOODS, president of the Lisbon Savings and Trust Co., and also a practicing attorney of the village of Bath, N. H., is the son of Andrew S. and Eliza (Hutchins) Woods, and grandson of Andrew Woods, who was born and reared in Ireland. Soon after his marriage he emigrated to America; from Boston to Bath, he, his wife, and one child traveled through the wilderness of forests by means of the spotted trees. He settled in Bath, and remained there until his death, and was a large farmer of his day. He reared a family of four children.

Andrew S. Woods was born in Bath, and received a primary education in its district schools and a college training at Dartmouth, from which he graduated. He then took up the study of law, and began his practice in Bath in 1828. He was a prominent and successful lawyer, and widely known for the depth of his legal learning; in 1840, he was appointed District Judge of the Supreme Court, and remained on the bench for fifteen years. After leaving the bench, he followed his profession until his death. He married Eliza Hutchins, a daughter of James Hutchins of Bath. She was over ninety years of age at her decease. Judge Woods died at the age of sixty. They reared the following children: Eliza I. (Bingham); Rebecca N. (Smith); Catherine J., died at the age of twenty; Harriet J. died at the age of twenty; and Edward, the subject of this personal sketch. Andrew S. Woods was a thorough Democrat, and favored the doctrines of the Congregational Church.

Hon. Edward Woods was born in Bath, N. H., Oct. 24, 1835; he attended school at Exeter Academy, and graduated from Dartmouth College with the class of '56. He studied law with his father, and upon his admission to the bar of Grafton County formed a partnership with his father, Harry, and George A. Bingham of Littleton, N. H.; this partnership continued for three years, the firm having an office in Littleton and one in Bath. From that time he was associated with his father in legal practice till his parent's death, since which time he has been alone in his office at Bath and Lisbon.

In 1863, he was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony with Mary H. Carleton, daughter of John L. Carleton of Bath, and to them have been born the following named children: Ed-

ward, died at the age of eighteen months; Catherine (Blandin); Thomas S., who lives in Boston; and Andrew S., who also makes his home in Boston. Mr. Woods is a believer in sound Democratic principles. He served the town over twenty years as treasurer, besides holding other minor offices. He represented the town in the State Legislature in 1873-74, and was State Senator in 1892. He is a Director and President of the Bath Lumber Co., and although he lives in Bath, he is interested in the Lisbon Savings and Trust Co., and has served as its President ever since its organization in 1890.

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MAJ. HENRY J. WESTON, of the firm of Storrs & Weston, dry goods merchants and clothiers of Hanover, and Olcott, Vt., is the son of Frank R. Weston and grandson of Jehu Weston.

The grandfather of our subject was a native of the State of Connecticut; his father came from England, being the first representative of the family in America. Jehu was reared in his native state, and when he started out to earn his own living, he went to New York State, but soon after located in Cambridge, Vt. He still lives at the age of eighty-four. He married as his first wife Barbara Case of Cambridge, Vt.; she bore him three children: Laura (Smith); Josephine, who died at the age of eighteen; and Frank R. His second wife was Fidelia Fullington of Fletcher, Vt.

Frank R. Weston was born at Cambridge, Vt., and was reared and educated there; he became a farmer, and followed that pursuit until his death at the age of forty-eight. He married Jane Smith, daughter of John H. Smith of Cambridge; she died at the age of forty-nine, and left five children: Henry J., Carl A., Josephine (Paige), Edwin R., and Nellie.

Our subject was born at Cambridge, Vt., Jan. 13, 1865, and commenced to deal with the stern realities of life at the age of sixteen, following railroading for two years. At the age of nineteen he went into a store to clerk at Newbury, Vt., for one year; he then clerked at Hanover three years, and in 1887 went into the dry goods and clothing business with Hon. E. P. Storrs,



under the firm name of Storrs & Weston. Mr. Weston manages the business of the store at Hanover, and also of a similar one, they run at Olcott, Vt. Mr. Weston is a rising young business man of great promise, and has shown himself capable of taking care of their large trade in a most satisfactory manner; his strict integrity and high ideas of business honor make his name respected wherever heard.

In 1888, he was married to Myrtie Holmes, daughter of Rodney Holmes of Cambridge, Vt. One child has been born to them, Hazel C. Socially, Mr. Weston is member and P. G. of the Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 75, I. O. O. F.; Golden Rod D. of R., No. 42; Morning Star Encampment, No. 12; and Canton Hanover, No. 16. He is a member of the Dartmouth Savings Bank Association, and is a notary public. He is Assistant Commissary-General on the Staff of Brigadier-General L. S. Richmond of the First Reg., N. H. N. G.

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HENRY C. CARBEE is one of the substantial and well-to-do farmers of Bath, N. H.; he was born in the above-named town Aug. 31, 1829. His parents were John H. Carbee and Anna Powers, both natives of Newbury, Vt. Joel Carbee, the grandfather of our subject, was a veteran of the Revolution, and a very prominent and influential man of his day. He settled in Newbury, Vt., where he purchased a farm and made it his home the rest of his life. He married Lois Downer of Newbury, Vt., and to them were born seven children whose names and dates of birth are as follows: John H., June 1, 1791; Moses P., May 18, 1793; Joel, April 24, 1795; William P., Nov. 3, 1798; Andrew, Aug. 10, 1802; Thomas H., Dec. 3, 1804; and Sarah, July 15, 1807. They were liberal in their religious views.

John H. Carbee was born in Newbury, on the homestead of his father, and was educated in the private schools of his native village. Upon the completion of his education he entered upon farm work, laboring in the fields in the summer and cutting wood in the winter. From the wood was made pearl ash and black salts, which were condensed and made into potash and concentrated lye. He also worked on the Con-

necticut River as a boatman; later he rafted lumber for a large lumber company, under the management of Ebenezer Carlton of Bath Village. About the year 1819 he purchased a farm in Bath, which is now the home of our subject, and set to work to clear and prepare it for cultivation. His management of the same was attended with success; he continued in the active work until late in life. He was a Whig, and later a Republican, serving as a representative of the town of Bath several years; he was also selectman, road surveyor, and justice of the peace for several years. In fraternal affiliations he was a faithful Mason, belonging to Pulaski Lodge of Newbury, Vt.; he subsequently joined Kane Lodge, No. 64, of Lisbon, N. H. He was well and most favorably known in and about the adjoining towns as a good, upright business man and true, loyal citizen. His wife was Anna Powers, and she bore him ten children, namely: Lois, born Oct. 24, 1819; Sarah, April 5, 1821; John P., May 3, 1823; William P., April 20, 1825; Sarah, April 22, 1827; Henry C., Aug. 31, 1829; Milo, Dec. 4, 1831; Mary, Dec. 23, 1833; Samuel P., June 14, 1836; and Ann, March 6, 1840. Mr. Carbee departed this life June 25, 1877; his wife survived him till Dec. 20, 1884, when she too left to join the host gathered upon the other shore. They were Congregationalists and attended the church of that denomination in Wells River, Vt.

Henry C. Carbee, after the completion of his mental training in the schools of Bath, began the pursuit of agriculture on the paternal estate, and has continued on the farm he now cultivates since 1842. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as selectman, as a member of the school board, and as a road surveyor, and represented his town in the Legislature in 1897-8. Like his father, he is likewise a Mason, being an honored member of Kane Lodge, No. 64, of Lisbon, N. H.

He married, April 21, 1858, Phidelia E., daughter of Lyman G. and Minda (Clifford) Clark, the former a native of Greenfield, Mass., and the latter a resident of Wentworth, N. H. Mrs. Carbee was born Oct. 25, 1832. They have reared a family of six children, consisting of the following named persons, of whom only the youngest and the oldest survive. The record is: Jennie, born May 8, 1859; Emma, May 25, 1860;

Gertrude L., Aug. 21, 1864; William H., July 18, 1867; John L., Dec. 12, 1869; and Ellen P., May 28, 1872. In religious views they favor the Congregational Church, and may be found among the regular attendants and members of the Congregational Church of Wells River, Vt. Our subject is an esteemed and substantial citizen whose integrity and fair dealing are without question. He is always found in the front rank in the fight for better conditions of life, and a higher and more elevated type of morality.

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SAMUEL W. COBB, a leading and prosperous merchant of the town of Hanover, N. H., is the son of Daniel Cobb, and the grandson of Nathan Cobb, who was born in Massachusetts near Cape Cod, and came to Hanover when a young man. He was a blacksmith by trade, and deputy sheriff. He served in the War of Independence. He married Lydia Bliss, who died at the advanced age of eighty-one. They reared five children, as follows: Daniel, Samuel, Lydia, Nathan, and David W.

Daniel Cobb was born and passed his younger years in Hanover, obtaining an education in its district schools. He studied law for a profession, and after locating in Strafford, Vt., in 1855, lived there the rest of his life, dying in 1868; he became one of the best and most successful lawyers of the State of Vermont. He ever evinced an absorbing interest in politics, and never failed to support by every means in his power the nominees of the Democratic party. He represented the town in the State Legislature several terms, and was Judge of the County Court thirteen years. He was a man who was endowed with a strong and a determined will. He was lame in one foot, and it has been told, after he had enlisted for service in the War of 1812, and had gone to Plattsburgh, N. Y., a person remarked that he was not a good soldier because he could not run. Mr. Cobb made the instant rejoinder, "I came to fight, and not to run." He married Mária Bryant, daughter of Nathan Bryant of Templeton, Mass.; she was seventy years and six months old at her death. Six children were born to them: Daniel B. B., Samuel W., Danforth, Mary M., Nathan B., and Walter B.

The subject of this biography, Samuel W. Cobb, was born in Strafford, Vt., March 2, 1822. In 1844 he began life for himself by clerking two years in a store in the village. He then opened a store on his own account in Hanover, and has followed the mercantile business ever since, having been in business over half a century; he is the oldest merchant in the village, and commands a good trade; his store is one of the best-stocked stores in town, and contains all lines of goods pertaining to groceries.

In 1849 he was married to Almira W. Ripley of Barre, Vt.; she died in 1868, at the age of thirty-six years and seven months, and left three children: Mary E. (Hatch), Laura M. (Hastings), Julia M. (Quimby). Mr. Cobb married as his second wife Caroline E. Davis of Cornish, N. H.; she was called home to join those gone before at the age of forty-five years and eight months, and left one son, Walter D., who was born in 1870, and now assists his father in the grocery business. Mr. Cobb's third wife was Luella C. Hutchinson of Norwich, Vt. Our subject is a member of the Franklin Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M., also being a R. A. M., and a member of the Council at Lebanon. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, and at present is town agent, a position he has held for twenty years. He was postmaster during Buchanan's administration, and Cleveland's first administration. He was one of the charter members of the Dartmouth Savings Bank and served as its vice-president.

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GEORGE W. RAND, the furniture dealer, and one of the oldest and most firmly established business men of the town of Hanover, N. H., was born in Concord, N. H., Jan. 29, 1837. He is the son of Stephen Rand, who was born in Epsom, N. H.

Stephen Rand learned the chair-making trade and furniture painting of Low & Damon of Concord, N. H. In 1846 he moved to Hanover, where he followed his trade of furniture painting the remainder of his life; he died in 1884, at the age of seventy-four. He married Rebecca Turner, daughter of Joshua Turner of Norwich, Vt. She passed away two years after her husband at the same age. They were members of







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the Congregational Church, and Mr. Rand was a strong Republican. The record of their children is as follows: Henry T.; Hamilton L.; Geo. W., the subject of this personal history; Anna (Heilge); Levi T.; Stephen; Julia H. (Clough); Lucy B. (Kempton); and Frances (Tabor).

George W. Rand came to Hanover with his parents and at the age of fifteen was apprenticed to the baker's trade, and followed it four years, but finding it to be very detrimental to his health and undermining it, he left the ovens and took up the trade of his father, furniture painting, and continued in that line of work until 1865, when he opened a furniture store, and still successfully conducts the business. The entire store-room is devoted to furniture of first-class make and of wide variety.

His nuptials with Sarah M. S. Brown, daughter of Seneca Brown of Hanover, N. H., were celebrated in 1861. Their union has been blessed with three children: Wilson F., who clerks in Storrs & Weston's clothing store; Richard B.; and Anna L. Mr. Rand is a firm Republican in politics. Socially, he is a member of the Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M., of Lebanon; and also of St. Andrews Chapter, R. A. M. He is an Odd Fellow, being a member of the Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 75, I. O. O. F.

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HON. JOHN NELSON MORSE, whose portrait may be found on a preceding page, was born on the farm in North Haverhill, where he now resides, Oct. 24, 1818. His father was John C. Morse of the town of Haverhill. The Morse family are descendants of early pioneers of Massachusetts, who came from England. William and Anthony Morse came from Marlboro', Wiltshire, England, and settled at Newbury, Essex Co., Mass., in 1635. Anthony Morse sailed from the port of Southampton, England, on the ship James and arrived at Boston, June 3, 1635, and was made a freeman of the Massachusetts Bay Colony May 25, 1636; he located one-half a mile south a most ancient cemetery at Newbury (Old Town), on a slight eminence, a field which is still known as Morse Field, and on it a trace of the original house still remains. Anthony Morse died there, Oct. 12, 1686. The line thus origi-

nating was continued through Lieut. Anthony Morse, Ensign Anthony Morse, Deacon Stephen Morse, Thomas Morse to the grandfather of our subject, Stephen Morse, who was born Jan. 28, 1756, married Sallie Kay soon after attaining his majority, and died June 14, 1843, aged eighty-seven years. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and after independence was achieved came to North Haverhill from Bradford, Mass., and resided on what is known as Morse Hill, on the old Coventry Road from North Haverhill to Coventry (now Benton), and was by occupation a blacksmith. The journey through the woods from Massachusetts was made on horseback, his wife with a baby in arms riding on the pillion. Their union was blessed with the birth of twelve sons, of whom ten lived to manhood. Our subject remembers distinctly a family reunion of the grandparents and their ten sons. The eldest son, Rev. Bryan Morse, preached a sermon, and the other eleven sat in the choir seats and furnished the music.

John C., the father of John Nelson Morse, was born in the town of Haverhill, at Horse Meadow, next house to the one now occupied by our subject, April 7, 1784. He spent his years in varied occupations, among them being farming, blacksmithing, manufacturing plows, wagons, sleighs. He also kept hotel for some twenty-five years in the house our subject occupies. His death occurred Feb. 8, 1853. His wife was Nancy Wheelock, who was born in 1782, and died Sept. 10, 1865. Their children were: Sarah, who married A. P. Niles; Louisa, married M. W. Burnham; Mary Ann, married Windsor Cobleigh; Isaac L. married a Miss Glynn; Martha M. married L. T. Whitcomb; Alfred N.; and the twins, John Nelson and Nancy B.; Nancy B. lives in Savannah, Georgia; Harriet W., the youngest child, married W. J. Fisher.

Our subject attended the country schools in his youth, and had charge of his father's hotel almost from boyhood. After his parents' death he discontinued the hotel and interested himself in the cattle business. He has been a drover most of his life after twenty-five years of age, and has made buying trips throughout Northern New Hampshire to Canada, in connection with J. P. Webster, under the firm name of Morse & Webster. Their market has been invariably Boston; before the days of railroads they sometimes

drove from Canada to Boston, and there disposed of their stock.

Mr. Morse married Kate Southard, who was born June 29, 1829, and departed this life Feb. 25, 1894. She was a daughter of Aaron Southard of Ackworth or Charlestown, N. H.; he owned and cultivated a large farm on Horse Meadows. Mrs. Morse's mother was Jane Finley. To Mr. and Mrs. Morse have been born two children: Katherine and John H. Katherine is a graduate of Wellesley College, in the Class of 1890, after a four years' course, having previously attended Haverhill Academy. Miss Morse takes a lively interest in educational matters, and is a practical-minded woman in every way; she is a member of the school board of the town of Haverhill. John H. lives on the farm with his father; he attended St. Johnsbury Academy, and is a graduate of Lindenville Academy. The home farm consists of a tract of 200 acres of land, that part of it which is fitted for pasturage runs back among the hills. Mr. Morse has been a Republican ever since the dissolution of the old Whig party, and the organization of the Republican; he has represented the town in the State Legislature for one term. He was in his younger days a member of an I. O. O. F. Lodge, which has since broken up.

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WILLIAM M. KELSEA, the subject of this personal history, is one of Lisbon's most respected citizens, and is at present officiating as its town clerk. Born in the town of Landaff, he was educated in Lisbon, and taught several terms of school, at the same time following the pursuit of agriculture; up to the age of forty he was engaged in the latter calling, and proved himself perfectly familiar with all the minutiae and detail, the knowledge of which goes so far in making the successful farmer. His next pursuit was the manufacture of piano sounding boards, bridges, bars, etc., for the Parker-Young Company, of Lisbon, N. H., continuing in that line of work until 1895, since which time he has withdrawn himself somewhat from the busy world of labor.

Mr. Kelsea was born March 3, 1826, and is a son of William and Betsey (Kimball) Kelsea, and a grandson of William Kelsea, Sr. The

first William Kelsea, whom we shall mention, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Londonderry, N. H., thence moved to Center Harbor, later moving to Haverhill, N. H., where he carried on a flourishing business as a manufacturer of spinning wheels. He then moved to Landaff, about 1800, continuing his business, and also owned and operated a large farm, and in the latter part of his life relinquished his manufacturing business to his sons, and devoted his entire attention to the farm and agricultural pursuits. His father was Hugh Kelsea, who was of Scotch and Irish extraction, and came to this country from the north of Scotland, settling in Londonderry, N. H. William Kelsea married Phebe Ladd of Piermont, N. H., and to them were born ten children, who grew to maturity, of whom but three now survive: John H.; Benjamin F.; and Emily (Mrs. Jehiel Knapp). Religiously, he favored the doctrines of the Methodist Church. He was a Whig in politics, and a very prominent man of his day; he served his town as selectman, and as representative. He was commonly known as Capt. William Kelsea, by reason of the commission he held in the State militia.

William Kelsea, the father of the subject of this sketch, was educated in the schools of Lisbon, and followed the pursuits of agriculture all his life in Landaff; by his careful habits of industry, and by his superior management, he became prosperous, and a leader in his circle of acquaintances. He was a Republican, and held the office of selectman two years in the town of Landaff; in the old State militia, before its reorganization, he was a drum-major. His wife, who was a daughter of Jonathan Kimball of Landaff, N. H., bore him six children, namely: William M., the subject of this notice; Amanda M., deceased; Jane E.; Jonathan K., deceased; Martha P., deceased; Sarah M., deceased. He was an attendant of the M. E. Church of Lisbon, N. H., and gave liberally of his means to its support.

Our subject was married, in 1851, Nov. 25, to Martha Clough, daughter of Abner Clough of Bath, N. H. Eight children have been born to them, as follows: Lucia F.; Fred H.; Martha J.; Ellen M.; Nettie L.; Willie A.; Frank S.; and George M. Mr. Kelsea is an attendant of the M. E. Church of Lisbon, N. H.



Mrs. Kelsea died the 23d of Feb., 1891.

Mr. Kelsea is firm in his allegiance to the Republican party; he was elected in the spring of 1889 to the office of town clerk; he has also served as collector of taxes since 1890, and has held a commission as justice of the peace for the same length of time; for several years he was district clerk. Socially, he is a member of the Golden Grange, No. 73, of Lisbon, N. H., in which organization he holds the office of secretary.

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VAN B. GLAZIER, a veteran of the late war and farmer of Landaff, Grafton Co., N. H., was born in Haverhill, N. H., Feb. 9, 1842, and is a son of Aaron P. and Hannah (Royce) Glazier, the former of Troy, Vt., and the latter of Landaff, N. H.

The history of our subject begins properly with that of his great-grandfather, Aaron P. Glazier, who came to this country with two of his brothers from England a short time previous to the War of the Revolution. He became a soldier in the American army, serving in the capacity of a blacksmith, which was his trade. An interesting relic still in the possession of the Glazier family is the anvil on which he worked. After the war he settled in Weathersfield, Vt. He married Orphia Belknap, and to them were born the following children: James, Ephraim, Sophia, and Betsey. Aaron P. Glazier rounded out his career with seventy-six years, dying May 5, 1833; his wife passed away six days later, May 11, 1833, aged seventy-seven.

James Glazier, the eldest son of Aaron, and grandfather of our subject, was born June 27, 1784, in Weathersfield, Vt., and was educated in the schools of his native town. He served in the war of 1812, working like his father at the trade of a blacksmith, using the very same anvil that had seen service in the Revolution. He was present at the engagement between the Americans and the English at Plattsburgh, on Lake Champlain, lying between the States of New York and Vermont. He married Sally Parker, a native of Irasburgh, Vt.; their union was blessed with eight children, who were as follows: Zenas, born April 16, 1806; Orphia, Sept. 22, 1807; Aaron P., July 12, 1810; Nathaniel P.,

Sept. 29, 1812; Sarah B., Nov. 22, 1815; Luke C., Dec. 19, 1818; Janes, July 13, 1823; Mary C., Aug. 19, 1827. The death of Mr. Glazier took place June 16, 1860; his wife died Dec. 5, 1856, aged seventy-one years.

Aaron P. Glazier, our subject's father, was born in Troy, Vt., July 12, 1810, and attended school in that town in his boyhood days. About the year 1833 he purchased a lumber mill in North Haverhill, and in 1835 he went to Mobile, Ala., where he was offered the position of superintendent of a saw-mill. He remained there only about two years, and then, preferring New Hampshire hills with bracing air and lovely scenery to the cotton fields and bayous of the South, he returned to the Granite State, where he purchased a farm in Center Haverhill and followed farming as long as his strength would permit. Politically he was a Democrat, and held the offices of tax collector and justice of the peace. He was of a critical and judicial temperament, and his decision not only in matters of law, but also in regard to things that were not brought into court, was much sought after. He married Aug. 19, 1832, Hannah Royce, and to him and his good wife were born seven children: Parker, Henry A., Sarah B., Van B., Ruth F., Mary A., Lizzie S. The mother belonged to the Baptist Church; the father died Oct. 6, 1878, and the mother passed away to the lands of peace and rest Nov. 1, 1873.

Our subject had just finished his education in the district schools of Haverhill, when the war broke out. He at once, animated by the example of grandfather and great-grandfather, enlisted for the preservation of the Union. He became a member of Co. G., 2nd Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., 1st Brigade of the 2nd Division of the 3rd Army Corps. He served from April 24, 1861, until he was discharged Feb. 9, 1863, for disabilities. He was engaged in all of the battles, in which his company participated during that time. Mr. Glazier has lived in Landaff ever since 1870, when he bought a farm and settled down to an agricultural life. Politically, he is a Republican, and has served as selectman.

He married Lavinia Young, daughter of Archimedes Young, Aug. 27, 1865, and to them have been born three children. Julia E. is a teacher of drawing in the school of Lisbon. Hattie E. is assistant teacher of mathematics in

Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass. Murray R. graduated from the High School of Lisbon in 1892 and is engaged in teaching. Mr. Glazier and wife are Methodists, and also Hattie E. Murray R. is a member of the Congregational Church.

He is also a prominent Mason, belonging to Kane Lodge, No. 64, of Lisbon, N. H.; Franklin Chapter, No. 5 of Lisbon; he has held all the important chairs with the exception of master of the lodge. He is also a member of St. Girard Commandery of Littleton, N. H. In G. A. R. circles Mr. Glazier is well and favorably known as a hard worker in the interests of that order. He is a member of Col. Emery Post, No. 23 of Lisbon, and has held all the important offices. He was a delegate to the National Encampment of 1896, which was held in St. Paul, Minn., and was honored with the position of aide-de-camp on the staff of the National Commander. He is also a justice of the peace, his commission dating from the year 1895.

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NATHAN S. KNIGHT, a popular passenger conductor in the employ of the B. & M. R. R., with headquarters at Woodsville, N. H., was born in Jefferson, N. H., April 20, 1849. He is a son of Isaac and Hannah (Holmes) Knight of Jefferson.

The great-grandfather of the subject of this brief memoir was an Englishman; he came to this country in that period of life when all things wear the roseate hue of promise. He settled in the State of New Hampshire, where he followed agricultural pursuits throughout the active part of his life, dying at an advanced age.

His son was born in Plainfield, N. H., and was a farmer, as was his father; he was very prominent among the men of his neighborhood. In politics he was a Whig. He reared a family of eight children, namely: Abraham, Cheever, John, Lysander, Isaac, Abner, David, and a daughter, who died in infancy. In his religious affiliations the grandfather of our subject was a Congregationalist.

Isaac Knight, the fifth child and the father of Nathan S. Knight, was born in Plainfield, N. H., and was educated in the common schools of his

native town, learning the carpenter's trade when a young man; he followed this trade for a living for a number of years, then turning his attention to agriculture, he became one of the leading farmers of his vicinity. He was a Republican in politics, and although taking a keen, intelligent interest in the political issues of the day, he never sought public office. He married Hannah Holmes, and to them were born eight children, viz.: Isaac E., Hannah C., Nathan S., the subject of this notice, Charles W., William H., Azero; and Nellie, and Mannassah, who are no longer living. The father of this fine family of children died about the year 1870; his wife passed away in 1868. They were Congregationalists in religious belief.

Nathan S. Knight, upon completing his education at the age of eighteen, began work in a mill, then operated by E. C. Garland of Lancaster, N. H., where he remained one year, leaving to work in the same capacity for J. B. Brown of Maidstone, Vt., the work being a manufacture of lumber and laths. Later he removed to Whitefield, N. H., there entering the employ of Brown's Lumber Co., continuing in their service for eight years, and was known as one of the most faithful and efficient of employees. He then entered the service of the Boston, Concord & Montreal R. R. as brakeman; the road is now generally known as the Boston & Maine. After "braking" for two years he was advanced to the position of baggage master, working in that capacity for about three years. He was then promoted to a position as conductor on a way freight, and soon after was made a conductor on a passenger run, a position he still retains. In all he has put in about sixteen years of faithful service for the railroad company. He received a painful accident when on duty Nov. 20, 1890, from which he has never fully recovered. He was passing from the conductor's salon to the main train while the train was in motion, and was caught and thrown to the ground by a cattle-guard, injuring his spine. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

He was married March 6, 1871, to Vina R., daughter of Silas and Hannah (Ware) Hubbard, natives of Whitefield, N. H. Their union has been blessed by the birth of two children: Fred M., born Nov. 20, 1878; and a child, that died in infancy. Fred M. Knight is now in the em-



ploy of Barton & Co. of Manchester, N. H. Our subject belongs to the I. O. O. F., Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25 of Woodsville, and Littleton Encampment, No. 26, of Littleton, N. H., and to Grand Canton Albion, No. 4, of Woodsville, N. H. He is also a member of the Order of Railway Conductors of Lyndonville, Vt. Religiously, both he and his wife are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Woodsville. Mr. Knight is a man of standing in his community, whose opinions are regarded with respect, and whose position in society is commensurate with his many acknowledged qualities. His views are always decided and expressed with the fearlessness of one who feels he is right and is not afraid to maintain his position.

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FRANK W. DAVISON, senior member of the firm of Davison & Ward, leading clothiers of the town of Hanover, N. H., is the son of William H. Davison, and a grandson of William Davison, who was born in the adjoining town of Lyme, N. H., where he grew up and spent his life at the vocation of farming. He married Cynthia Bixby; they both died about the age of seventy. Five children, as follows, composed their family: William H., Lydia (Dimmick), Eliza, Cynthia (Dimmick), and Chester.

William H. Davison was born on the old homestead in Lyme, and succeeded to the ownership of it after his father's death, and farmed it until two years before his death, which he spent in Hanover, dying at the age of fifty-six. He married Almira Hurlbutt, daughter of Alpheus Hurlbutt of Hanover; she was born in 1819, and is still living in the town of Hanover. But three children were born to them: Henry, who died at the age of eighteen, and Frank W., the subject of this personal history; and George R., who died in infancy. William H. Davison was a strong Republican, and a hard worker for its interests; he served as selectman for Lyme several years, and represented the town in the State Legislature.

Frank W. Davison was born in the town of Lyme, Sept. 25, 1850; his education he obtained in the district schools of Lyme and Hanover, and in Meriden Academy. At the age of sixteen he began to support himself, and in 1872

opened up in business at Lebanon, N. H., where he was associated in business with a partner for a year in mercantile lines. After that he embarked in the shoe business a short time, and then ran a grocery store for three years. In 1877 Mr. Davison came to Hanover, and with Mr. J. E. Lincoln opened a general store; this arrangement continued undisturbed for four years to the mutual benefit of both parties. When they dissolved partnership Mr. Davison conducted his business alone until 1896, when he took in Mr. Ward as a partner. In addition to his business interests in the store, our subject handles coal, and has been in that line of trade since 1890; he also owns and oversees a farm. He is a first-class, wide-awake business man, and thoroughly conversant with the requirements of his line of business; his store is at all times well-stocked with a carefully selected line of goods, that meet the approval of the most fastidious.

Mr. Davison was joined in wedlock, in 1872, to Emily Foster, daughter of Caleb Foster of Hanover; they have one son, Frank F. Mr. Davison is a Republican, and votes the straight ticket. He is a member of the Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 75, I. O. O. F. He is a director of the Dartmouth National Bank, and a trustee of the Dartmouth Savings Bank.

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KIMBALL F. WOODMAN, a respected farmer and citizen of Bath, N. H., was born in West Thornton, N. H., July 8, 1833, and is a son of Nathaniel and Betsey (Kimball) Woodman, grandson of Jacob Woodman. The grandfather of our subject was an Englishman and came to this country in search of his fortune in the broad and inviting prospect of a virgin and undeveloped soil. He made the journey in the first bloom of young manhood, and selected a residence in Durham, Mass., where he bought a farm and busied himself in the cultivation of its broad acres. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812 and received the title of colonel in recognition of his valuable military services. In politics, by his sympathies he was originally a Tory; when the great American parties had been formed he became a Democrat, continuing till the day of his death in the party, whose leaders



were Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Andrew Jackson; he would never accept any office of any nature, no matter how great a pressure was brought to bear and how many inducements were offered. His wife bore him the following children: Alexander, Ira, Joseph, Charles, Betsey, Caroline, Mary Ann, and Nathaniel, the father of our subject. In religious belief the family were honored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Nathaniel Woodman was born on the homestead in Durham, Mass., in 1807, and was enabled to secure a quite liberal education for those times in the common schools and the Academy of Durham. He learned the trade of a currier and shoemaker, and when about twenty years of age moved with his parents to West Thornton, N. H. He remained in that place but a short time, removing from there to Bath, where he purchased a farm, which he operated in connection with his trade. He died in 1882. He was actively connected with the State of New Hampshire Militia and held a commission as captain. He joined his fortunes with those of Betsey, daughter of Isaac and Betsey Jane Kimball, both natives of West Rumney. As a result of this union there were born to them the following children: Betsey J., Emily E., Lyman W., Martha, an infant who died while a babe, and Kimball F., the subject of this short memoir. In his political views Nathaniel Woodman was a Democrat. The family attended the M. E. Church. He died in 1880. Mrs. Kimball died in 1876, aged sixty-five years.

Kimball F. Woodman, after the period of his youth had passed, in which he obtained a good education in the schools of Bath, hired out at the age of nineteen as a farm hand. At a later period he went into business in company with his father, being engaged in the manufacture of spokes, hubs, and felloes, and other wagon and sleigh stock. He continued in this industry until 1880, when he found that indoor work was making serious inroads on his constitution, and accordingly purchased a farm, and has ever since devoted his time to agricultural pursuits. He is also a Democrat, like his father and grandfather before him. In 1857 he married Susan H., daughter of Benjamin and Ellen B. (Goey) Hutchins, natives of Plattsburgh, N. Y. Three children have blessed their union: Sarah L.,

Frank K., and Charles B. Sarah L. married Charles Kimball of Bath, and has four children: Emma, Willis, Warren, and Lewis. Frank K. Woodman's sketch appears on another page of this volume. Charles B. is the proprietor of the Parker House in the village of Woodsville, N. H. The family are attendants of the M. E. Church.

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JOHN KING, an agriculturist, who is engaged at his vocation on his farm at the base of Bear Hill, in the south part of the town of Lyme, was born in the town of Euphratah, Fullerton Co., N. Y., Nov. 12, 1849.

His father, John King, Sr., was born in Ireland, County Tyrone, of Scotch-Irish parentage; he was married in his native place, a few years before he emigrated to the United States, to Mary Starr, who died in this country at their home in Fullerton County, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1864, aged forty-four years. Seven children were born to them, as follows: Peter, living in Fullerton County, N. Y.; Sarah (Caffrey), who lives in the State of Iowa; John, Jr., the subject of this personal history; Susan, the wife of Mr. Ryan, a wheelwright of Syracuse, N. Y.; Mary, deceased; Charles, who lives in his native county in New York; and James, who also lives in Fullerton County, N. Y. The two eldest children were born in Ireland; John was born a short time after the arrival of his parents in this country.

Our subject made his home in Fullerton County till about 1878, attending the district schools off and on until he was twenty years old. From the time when he was sixteen he received all the money he earned, and supported himself. The first work he did on his own account away from home was in the northern woods, peeling hemlock bark at seventy-five cents a day; he was gone but a week, and thought he had been away from his mother and home for a month, so slow did the time pass. He worked near home a few years, and then returned to the northern regions, where he peeled bark in the summer, and worked in lumbering camps in the winter. He raised a yoke of steers, and employed every winter from September till the snow melted in the spring in hauling logs. In the fall of 1878

he came to New Hampshire, to work in the timber near Mt. Washington; he was in that locality for a year and a half, the last year of which period he was working in a pulp mill of a paper manufacturing company. He then went over to the copper mines at Vershire, Vt., and worked four years and a half; while living at Ely he was married. In 1883 he came to the town of Lyme, and purchased his present farm of 300 acres, where he makes dairying his principal occupation and source of income. He is also interested in poultry raising, and keeps a large flock of well-selected strains.

Mr. King was married Nov. 13, 1880, at Ely, Vt., to Matilda Suitor of Broughton, Province of Quebec, a daughter of David and Mary (McKeage) Suitor; Mrs. King was the eldest of thirteen children born to her parents. Three children, of whom only the youngest is living, have been born to our subject and his wife; the record is: John Allen, deceased; Matilda, deceased; and Lucy Mabel, who was born Aug. 24, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. King are both members of the Baptist Church of Lyme Center. Mr. King is a Mason, and holds a membership in Jackson Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 6, of Ely, Vt. He is a Republican, and has been road surveyor one year. His older brother, Peter, was in the 153rd Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf. in the late war, and lost a leg at the Battle of Winchester. An uncle, now a pensioner of the English Crown, was twenty-one years in the English army as sergeant, and saw much service in the East Indies.

HON. TYLER WESTGATE, Judge of Probate, living in Haverhill, N. H., was born the eldest son of his parents at Enfield, N. H., Dec. 2, 1843. He was educated at Haverhill Academy and at Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, N. H., graduating from the latter institution in the Class of 1864. He filled the office of assistant clerk of the Supreme Court of Grafton Co. from April 11, 1865, to April 1, 1871, and was Registrar of the Court of Probate for Grafton Co. from April 7, 1871, to July, 1874, and from Aug. 1, 1876, to June 30, 1879. He was also clerk of the sessions of the New Hampshire Senate of 1876 and '77. He was appointed Postmaster at Haverhill, April 1, 1881, and performed the

duties of that office until Oct. 1, 1885. He was again made Registrar of the Court of Probate of Grafton Co. in July, 1889, and held it until Feb. 20, 1890, when he was appointed Judge of the Court of Probate, a position he now holds. He is eminently fitted for his present position, for his whole life has been a training for it, as he was register in the Court, in which he now officiates as the leading functionary, for about seven years, besides holding many other official positions.

Mr. Westgate married, Aug. 30, 1881, Lucretia M. Sawyer of Malone, N. Y.; she departed this life Jan. 16, 1884, leaving no issue. Judge Westgate married as his second wife Phoebe J. Bean of Limington, Me., who passed away Jan. 28, 1894, leaving two daughters as a precious legacy to her husband: Louise Bean, the elder, was born July 17, 1890; Elsie May was born April 18, 1892.

Judge Westgate is a son of Nathaniel W. Westgate and Louisa Tyler. Nathaniel W. Westgate was a grandson of John Westgate, who came from Tiverton, Rhode Island, to Plainfield, N. H., about the year 1778, and lived there, engaged in agricultural pursuits till his death, which occurred in his ninetieth year. He married Grace Church, who was a lineal descendant of Capt. Benjamin Church, distinguished in King Philip's War; she died at Plainfield, N. H., at the age of ninety-six. To them were born eleven children, of whom our subject's grandfather, Earl Westgate, was one.

Earl Westgate married Elizabeth Waite, of Hubbardstown, Mass., a daughter of Nathaniel and Anna (Suitzer) Waite; they gathered about them a family of three children, of whom Nathaniel W. Westgate was the youngest.

The father of our subject received his education at Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, N. H., and studied law under Charles Flanders, Esq., at Plainfield, N. H. He was admitted to the practice of the legal profession in Newport, in the autumn of 1827, and immediately located in Enfield, N. H., and for nearly thirty years continued to reside there, enjoying a lucrative practice before the courts of Grafton and Sullivan counties. He was appointed to the office of Registrar of Probate for Grafton Co., in July, 1856, and thereupon took up his residence in Haverhill in September of that year. From Registrar he advanced to Judge of the Probate



Court, succeeding Judge Nathaniel P. Berry, when that gentleman was elected Governor in 1861; Mr. Westgate retired from office in 1871 by reason of constitutional limitation of age. During his residence in Enfield he filled various offices of public trust, including such as superintendent of the schools, town clerk, and postmaster for several years. He was chosen a representative from Haverhill to the State Legislature in 1861. At the time of his death his sons, Tyler and William F., held the offices of Judge and Registrar of the Probate Court of Grafton Co., respectively.

Nov. 14, 1842, the father of our subject married Louisa Tyler, and to them were born six children: Tyler, Nathaniel W., Jr., deceased; Jennie L.; Frederick Austin, deceased; William Francis; and George Henry. Mr. Westgate was the administrator of the Tyler estate. He was born Jan. 26, 1801, and died Dec. 16, 1890, in his ninetieth year. His wife died in Haverhill, N. H., March 16, 1895.

The mother of our subject was a grand-daughter of Col. Benjamin Tyler, who was born at Wallingford, Conn., Feb. 22, 1732, the same day which is noted in American history as the natal day of George Washington. Col. Tyler married Mehitabel Andrews of Farington, Conn.

The former's son, Ephraim, was the second in a family of eleven children that made up the family; he was born at Wallingford, Conn., and died at Claremont, N. H., Dec. 16, 1823. He married Abigail Pardee, who preceded her husband to the immortal fields March 18, 1814, at an age of fifty-four years.

Austin Tyler, the fifth child in his father's family of eleven children, was born at Claremont, Jan. 6, 1790, was married March 6, 1814, and died Aug. 12, 1844. His wife was Almira Kingsbury, who was born at Keene, N. H., March 6, 1799, and died at Claremont, Dec. 19, 1867; she assumed the marriage obligations on her fifteenth birthday. She was the only child of Daniel and Hannah (Bailey) Kingsbury, and a granddaughter of Deacon Daniel Kingsbury of Keene, N. H. Austin Tyler was one of the foremost men of his vicinity and generation, and held many of the most important public offices. In 1819 he was deputy sheriff for Cheshire Co.; was selectman for nine years, moderator for a long time, justice of the peace, and representa-

tive to the New Hampshire Legislature in 1827-28-31-32-35-36-37-42, besides being State Senator in 1838. In 1822 he was paymaster of the 15th Reg., 5th Brigade, 3rd Division of the New Hampshire militia. The Claremont Aqueduct Association elected him its president, and he continued to hold the position and the esteem of his supporters for a long term of years. Besides the many public offices he held, he was appointed by will as guardian of many minors, and as administrator of not a few estates.

Wait's History of Claremont says: "He was one of the most active, enterprising, and public-spirited men in the town at his time." In 1835 he published "Tyler's Tax-Maker's Book," a very valuable work, which has been placed and used in nearly every town in New Hampshire, and has seen service throughout the States in the Union. When suffering an affection of the lungs he started on a short sea voyage, about three weeks before his death, hoping that he might be benefited by the trip. The short voyage having seemingly benefited him, he was making arrangements for a journey to the West Indies, when death cut short his plans.

Louisa Tyler, the mother of Judge Tyler Westgate, was the second in a family of seven children, making up her parents' household; she was born at Claremont, N. H., March 30, 1818. In 1831 she attended Mrs. E. M. Hutchison's school for young ladies at West Lebanon, N. H. In 1832 she was a pupil at the Misses Stevens and Thatcher's school at Claremont, and in 1834 went to Keene, N. H., to the Young Ladies' Seminary at that place. She was instructed in music in 1836 by Miss Pratt, and in 1838 and 1839 by Prof. Long.

William Francis Westgate, next younger brother living to Tyler Westgate, was born at Enfield, N. H., July 5, 1852, and received his education in the Haverhill, Meriden, and New London Academies, graduating at length from Dartmouth College, in 1875. He read law in his father's office with Hon. George F. Putnam, and was admitted to the New Hampshire bar in 1880. He has ever taken an active interest in politics. He was a member of the board of education, acting as chairman and secretary for six years. He also served one term in the Legislature of 1883, as representative of the town of Haverhill. For many years Mr. Westgate was a member of



the Republican State Committee, and chairman of the County Committee. In 1884 he was elected Register of Probate for the county, and re-elected in 1886, and in 1888 was appointed by the Supreme Court to fill out a vacancy of two years that occurred in the office. In 1895 he was appointed justice of Haverhill Police Court, a position he now holds. He is an expert surveyor and civil engineer, and has done a large insurance business in the village of Haverhill and its vicinity.

George H. Westgate was born at Enfield, N. H., May 9, 1854, and secured an education in Haverhill Academy and in St. Johnsbury Academy. Mr. Westgate is engaged in pursuits of an agricultural nature, and resides in Haverhill with the remainder of the members of the family. He is a member of the Haverhill Grange.

All three brothers are strong Republicans. Judge Westgate is a member of Grafton Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M. William F. is a member of the Grange, and is also a K. P.

The publishers of this Book of Biographies take great pleasure in placing Judge Westgate's portrait in this volume in connection with this sketch, sure that it will meet with a worthy reception, as the likeness of one who stands high in the legal profession.

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GEORGE F. MORRIS, attorney at law of Lisbon, N. H., was born in Vershire, Vt., April 13, 1866. He is a son of Josiah S. and Lucina C. (Merrill) Morris, and grandson of William M. and Esther P. (Southworth) Morris.

In his pursuits the grandfather of our subject was an agriculturist and was actively engaged in overseeing his farm in Thetford, Vt., throughout the whole of his active period. He was born in Woodstock, Conn., Aug. 28, 1783, and died in Vershire, Vt., Feb. 9, 1873. He was a Democrat in politics, and was a veteran of the War of 1812. His wife, a native of Fairlee, Vt., presented him with the following children: Lorenzo G., now a merchant in Limestone, Me.; Sally S., who died in infancy; Ann Maria (Colton) of Bradford, Vt.; Myra P. (Goodhue) of Bradford, Vt.; William H., a painter, Lebanon, N. H.; George F., a mason, Bradford, Vt.; Josiah S., the father of our subject, died July 21, 1871;

and Cyrus M., a farmer in Limestone, Me. In their religious views they favored the doctrines of the Congregational Church.

Josiah S. Morris was educated in the schools of Thetford, Vt., and upon completion of his education worked in the Pemberton Mills in Lawrence, Mass., where he was soon advanced to the position of overseer. At the time of that terrible disaster, the falling of the mill, Jan. 10, 1860, he received injuries of so serious a character that he never fully recovered. After this he went to Vershire, Vt., and followed the occupation of a farmer for the remainder of his life. He was a Republican in his political affiliations. Aug. 28, 1864, he married his wife, who was the daughter of Silas and Emeline (Fellows) Merrill, both natives of Corinth, Vt. To Josiah S. and Lucina C. Morris was born the subject of this personal narration.

George F. Morris was educated in the common schools of Corinth, Vt., and graduated from the Corinth Academy, and from the State Normal School at Randolph, Vt., in the class of January, 1885. He at once began teaching in the common schools of Vershire and Newbury, Vt. He was principal of the Graded School at Wells River, Vt., in 1886, the Essex County Grammar School for four years and the Woodsville, N. H., High School in 1890-1. He was also director and instructor of a summer school established at Wells River for the instruction of teachers in methods for two seasons. He studied law with the law firm of Smith & Sloane at Wells River, Vt. His preparations for his chosen profession were necessarily confined to school vacations and evenings, as a large share of his attention was devoted to earning the necessary funds with which to pursue his studies and establish himself in practice. He was admitted to the Vermont bar at Montpelier, Vt., in October, 1891, and subsequently to the New Hampshire bar. He at once commenced the practice of law in Lisbon, N. H., and was associated with Harry M. Morse under the firm name of Morse & Morris from Nov. 17, 1891, until July 20, 1892, when he bought out the interest of Mr. Morse, since which time he has practiced alone. Already he has established a business which is not confined to his own town. Although still young in legal experience, his well-cultivated and progressive mind enables

him to reach quick solutions of knotty points; he is considered by his townspeople to be a very successful lawyer. In politics, he is a Republican and is already thoroughly identified with his party in town, county, and state affairs. For four years he held the office of county examiner of teachers in Orange County, Vt. He takes a great interest in the welfare of the public schools, and since 1893, has been chairman of the board of education in Lisbon. He is a Mason, and belongs to Kane Lodge, No. 64, Lisbon, N. H.

May 16, 1894, he was married to Lula J. Aldrich, daughter of Charles and Persis H. Aldrich of Lisbon, N. H. Religiously, they are regular attendants of the Congregational Church at Lisbon, N. H.

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HON. LEBINA H. PARKER is a prosperous and well-to-do farmer and lumberman of the town of Benton, of which he is at present the first selectman. He was born in the above-mentioned town Nov. 18, 1856, and is a son of Prescott and Maria (Fitzpatrick) Parker, and a grandson of Prescott and Hannah (Amy) Parker.

Prescott Parker, Sr., the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Lyman, N. H., and occupied a prominent place in the solid agricultural interests in that section of the State. His wife, Hannah Amy, a native also of Lyman, bore him the following children: Douglas, Elvira, Alantha, Hannah, Purcis, Angelina, and Prescott. In his political affiliations he was a Democrat. The family were members of the M. E. Church of Benton, and were counted as among the most regular attendants.

Prescott Parker, Jr., was born in Lyman, Nov. 30, 1821, and received his early mental training in the common schools of Lyman, N. H. As a farm hand he started in the battle of life; his earnings were carefully saved, and his resources husbanded until he had saved a sufficient amount to purchase a farm in Lyman. On his farm in Lyman he followed the pursuit of agriculture until the year 1855, when he came to Benton and bought some property, but lived on it but a short time, trading it with Daniel Whitcher for the farm he still owns and operates, and where he has made his home

since 1858. He married Maria Fitzpatrick, a native of the County of Cork, Ireland, and to them have been born three children: Frank B., Dora A., and Lebina H., the subject of this notice. In political belief he is a Democrat of a pronounced type, and has served the town as selectman, and as representative in 1877-78. Both he and his family favor the M. E. Church. He is counted as one of its most liberal supporters.

Lebina H. Parker, having passed the years of his minority in acquiring an education in the schools and in assisting his father in the farm work, upon his reaching his majority hired out as a farm hand, at \$15.00 a month. He has always made his home with his parents, and at the present time is employed by the Fall Mountain Paper Co. of Bellows Falls, Vt., as an inspector of lumber and as pay clerk. He is a staunch Democrat, and takes a lively and intelligent interest in town and local affairs. He has been frequently honored with high positions of trust, which he has filled with consummate address and good results. He was elected third selectman for four years, and then first selectman for eight years, a position he now holds. He was a member of the State Legislature one term, representing the town of Benton. He is very popular and well-liked by all of his fellow-townsmen, who unite, regardless of party, in praising his wise administrations.

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CHAS. T. COLLINS, a prosperous agriculturist of Benton, Grafton Co., N. H., was born in Southboro, Mass., Aug. 8, 1831, and is a son of Temple and Sally (Flagg) Collins, both natives of the State of Massachusetts. The grandfather of Chas. T. was of Scotch extraction and emigrated to this country when a young man with the purpose of bettering his fortunes in a new country. It is thought he settled first in Massachusetts, living there the most of his years spent in this country.

Temple Collins, the father of our subject, was born in Massachusetts and owed whatever education he received to the public school system of that State. When not more than a boy in years and size he worked by the month as a



farm hand. His wages, although scanty, were carefully hoarded, and he was at length able to buy a small farm in Southboro, Mass. His entire life was devoted to agricultural pursuits; among the respected citizens of his community he occupied a prominent place. In politics he was a Democrat, and served his town as selectman. He married Sally Flagg, a daughter of William and Lydia Flagg, both natives of Southboro, Mass., and to them were born eleven children: Lowell T., Rebecca, Sophia, Ann, Jane, John, Maria, Nancy, and a second John, and Charles T., the subject of this sketch. The first John and Jane are no longer living. The mother died in January of 1860, the father following her in 1863. In their religious views they were liberal.

Charles T. Collins passed the early years of his life quietly in his native town, and when he became of age learned the shoemaker's trade; he followed this trade for twelve years, when he removed to Benton, N. H., and turned his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. The steady industrial march of the free States in the Union was broken by the opening up of hostilities between North and South. Mr. Collins enlisted as a private in Co. A., 9th Reg., N. H. Vol. Inf., in the year 1862, and served one year and eleven months. He participated in the battles of Antietam, South Mountain, Fredericksburg, Waterboro, and in several minor skirmishes and engagements with the enemy, where only the point of numbers prevented them from being styled battles. He contracted chills and fever from which he has never fully recovered, and which led to his discharge for disability. For five months he was under medical care in the United States General Hospital, which was located at Concord, N. H.

He was married on July the 9th, 1857, to Sarah, daughter of Eli and Mary Ann (Senot) Pike. Eli Pike was a native of Plymouth, N. H.; his wife Mary Ann Senot was from Kennebunkport, Me. Their marriage was blessed by the birth of six children, three of whom survive: Leander, Emma L., and Charley P. Those who have entered the ranks of the great majority are: Mary, Alta, and Cora. Politically, he is a Republican, but was never an aspirant for office. He is a member of the Grand Army, belonging to the Col. Emery Post, No. 25 of Lisbon, N. H.

MOODY C. MARSTON, a prosperous farmer of the town of Bath, Grafton Co., N. H., was born in Haverhill, N. H., Aug. 10, 1840; he is a son of William Coolidge and Lucy (Frery) Marston, and grandson of David and Susan (Bronson) Marston.

Our subject's grandfather was born in Connecticut, and so limited were the opportunities and facilities for the acquiring of an education that he could only secure the rudiments of an education by studying at home in the evenings; slates not being in common use, the children were accustomed to cipher on birch bark. When 25 years of age he moved to North Benton, where he purchased a farm in the Whitcher neighborhood and followed the occupation of a farmer in that locality for a considerable length of time. Subsequently he changed his residence to North Haverhill, N. H., buying a farm and remaining there the rest of his life that he devoted to agricultural pursuits. He married Susan Bronson, a native of his own State of Connecticut, and their union was blessed with three children, namely: Mehitabel, Lucy, and William C., the father of our subject. Mr. Marston was a stanch Democrat throughout his life and never required the least urging to support with all his power the nominees and principles of his party; in his younger days he was actively interested in politics and served his town as town clerk and as justice of the peace. In his religious views he was a Free Will Baptist. His death occurred in 1860, when he was seventy-six years old; his wife departed this life for the blessed scenes beyond the river with the loved ones gone before, in 1870, at the age of eighty-six.

William C. Marston, the youngest child of David Marston, was born in the town of Benton, N. H., July 28, 1815. He secured a limited education in the schools of his native town, and at the early age of fourteen bought a farm, which is now occupied by Amos Wilson of Bath. After a few years spent in its cultivation he sold the property and went to Haverhill, where he purchased another farm and engaged extensively in agricultural pursuits, becoming one of the leading members of his community and much respected by all who appreciated his sterling worth. In 1866 he disposed of his Haverhill property and removed to South New-



bury, Vt., where he remained six years, returning at the conclusion of that period to Haverhill and purchasing another farm, which he cultivated with marked success; on account of his declining years and rapidly failing health, which precluded much active work, he sold his farm in 1880 and bought a residence in the village of North Haverhill, N. H., where both he and his wife still live, enjoying the fruits of their years of toil with no anxious thought of the morrow. Mr. Marston married in 1838 Lucy Frary, daughter of Elisha and Mary (Stearns) Frary of Bath, N. H.; their union has been productive of five children: Ellen, Moody, Roselle, Ella, and a child, William S., who died in infancy. Like his father, Mr. Marston is an uncompromising Democrat, holding several offices—selectman for two terms and town representative for one term of two years. He is a Universalist. There are few residents of the town who are held in more respect than is Mr. Marston, and all of his large circle of acquaintances unite in their eulogies of his well-spent life.

Moody C. Marston was educated in the district schools of Haverhill, N. H., and in Bradford Academy of Bradford, Vt.; he lived under the parental roof until he was twenty-four years old, assisting his father in the management and care of the farm. In 1862 he enlisted in the 11th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., the regiment forming a part of the Second Brigade of the 9th Army Corps; his captain was George Pingree. Although our subject enlisted for three years, he served but two months, contracting typhoid fever and rheumatism, which necessitated hospital care. He was taken to Armory Square Hospital and was discharged in March 15, 1863. Soon after his return home he went to Lynn, Mass., where he learned the trade of a shoemaker. Later on he bought a one-third interest in a shoe manufactory, which ran for a time under the style of G. A. Willey & Co. Mr. Marston remained with this company for two years, and then, selling his interest, he came back to Haverhill, where he engaged in the manufacture of carriages and in the running of a saw-mill; his lack of experience in this branch of work proved slightly disastrous to him, so he sold the business before it had made serious inroads upon his capital, and took up farming in the town of Haverhill for a year. He then went to Woods-

ville, N. H., where he was at first employed by the B. C. & M. R. R. as a watchman; he gradually worked his way up through the different grades of the service to the station of a conductor, retaining that position till 1882, being conductor on the stock train for seven years. From the railroad life he turned his attention and energies to farming again, remaining in Center Haverhill for five years, busied in that occupation. Upon selling his farm at the end of the five years he came to Bath and bought his present farm of 280 acres, which is utilized in general farming of the most diversified character.

In 1863 he was joined in marriage to Clara White, daughter of John and Susan (Sanborn) White, the former parent from Lebanon and the latter a native of Haverhill; four children were the result of this union. Nellie W. married Augustine Reed, and is the mother of six children, three of whom are living: Millie, Ruth, and Thomas. Our subject's second child, Willie C., died in infancy. John G. is living at home on the farm. Clara M. is attending the high school at Woodsville, N. H. Our subject's political views place him in the Democratic party. He is a liberal in his religious sentiments.

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ENOCH C. DEARTH, a conductor on the B. & M. R. R., and making his home in Bath, N. H., was born in that town Nov. 30, 1864, and is the son of Samuel E. and Jane (Willey) Dearth, and the grandson of Asa and Elizabeth (Carr) Dearth. Asa Dearth, our subject's grandfather, was a native of New Hampshire; he settled in Bath, where he owned and cultivated a farm. He removed to Stoneham, Mass., about 1876, and died there in 1878. His wife, Elizabeth Carr, also a native of the Granite State, bore him five children whose names are: Ann, Persis, Samuel E., Albert, and Enoch. Our subject's grandparents were Methodists in their religious beliefs.

Samuel E. Dearth, after the years of his minority, spent in aiding his father and acquiring an education, purchased a farm, which he cultivated until 1867, when he sold his farm; after that he rented a farm and raised the usual staple crops the rest of his active life. He married in 1855





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Jane Willey, daughter of John and Jane (Strobridge) Willey, and to them were born the following children: Willie, Albert, Mina, Carrie, Enoch, Jennie, Mary, and Cora.

Enoch C. Dearth at the age of eight years hired out to Harvey Ross for twenty-five cents a day; he followed the occupation of farming until twenty-two years of age, when he obtained a situation on the B. & M. R. R. as brakeman on the run between Concord and Woodsville, N. H. Later he was assigned to the position of baggageman in the summer months; in the winters he took his place as a brakeman. This continued for four years, and then he was appointed conductor on one of the freight trains, a position he still retains.

On Dec. 13, 1893, he led to the altar and made his wife Flora Weeks, daughter of Charles A. Weeks of Bath. One child was born to them, Nov. 12, 1894, which they named Mary Isabel. In politics Mr. Dearth is a Republican and rarely misses a chance to support the candidates of his party with his ballot. Both he and his estimable wife are attendants of the Congregational Church.

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DR. CHAS. H. BOYNTON, a physician of Lisbon, N. H., with a large and well-established practice, is a descendant of a family of very great antiquity, whose origin, as far as we may definitely know, was in Boynton, of Barmston, Yorkshire, England. It was a family of note before the Norman Conquest, as Bartholomew de Boynton was lord of that manor in 1067. The family had made Boynton their home many years before William the Conqueror overthrew the line of Anglo-Saxon kings, and set up his own line; the Boyntons received, submitted to, and welcomed the resistless duke, and being themselves Normans, their estates were not confiscated, but have remained in their possession until the present time. Just before the English Revolution, and during the time when Bishop Laud led the persecution against the dissenters to the established religion, a number of pious Puritans, among whom were Oliver Cromwell, Sir Matthew Boynton, and others of note, who afterward figured in the bloody history of that time, were on the point of embarking in a ship

for America, but were persuaded to return by the influence of the persecuting high church bishop.

In 1680, John Boynton was admitted as a freeman of the town of Rowley, Mass., with the honorable title of Mr. In the same year it is recorded that William Boynton had a law case with Richard Dummer, both of Rowley. In 1685 Joseph Boynton was chosen constable of Rowley, and held the office for a number of years.

John Boynton, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Rowley, Mass.; his father was William Boynton, and his mother Joanna Stevens. John Boynton had two other brothers, who grew up: Richard and Joshua. Richard Boynton had three wives, but died childless in the city of Boston soon after the Revolution; he had two sisters, one of whom married a Tilton, and the other a Batchelder. Joshua Boynton had one son and a daughter: William, his son, settled in Stanstead, Canada East, and died there; the daughter married Richard Batchelder. John Boynton married Anna Smith, and reared four sons: David, Richard, William, and John, Jr.; and three daughters: Molly, Betsey, and Anna. David Boynton, the great-grandfather of our subject, married his cousin, Anna Batchelder; Richard married Eunice Sanborn; William married Molly Huckins; John, Jr., married Lydia Dow; Molly married William Davis; Betsey married Isaac Cummings; and Anna married James Roby. The aforesaid David Boynton reared a family of nine children: Eben, William, John, David, Jr., Mark, Dolly, Nancy, Betsey, and Sally.

William Boynton, the son of David, and grandfather of Dr. Charles H., was born in Nottingham, N. H., Sept. 20, 1761, and died July 26, 1814. His family circle was composed of eight members: William, Jr., Joseph, Polly, Nancy, Joanna Stevens, Eben, Charles Glidden, Sarah Jane.

Our subject's father, Ebenezer Boynton, was born Dec. 26, 1798, at New Hampton, N. H., went with his parents in youth to Meredith, and was reared and educated to agricultural pursuits. In 1841 he moved from the town of Meredith to Plymouth, N. H., where he remained twelve years, going from there to Canterbury, N. H., moving finally, in 1866, to Lisbon, where he

passed away in 1881. In 1823 he married his first wife, Betsey S. Hart of Meredith, N. H.; she died at the age of thirty-three, after giving birth to five children, as follows: Abigail H. (Meade); Dr. Charles H.; Mary E. (Meade); Ann M., died in her youth; and Orrin H. He married his second wife in 1836; she was Susan R. Huckins; when she died, in 1856, at the age of forty-five, she left six children: James H., Nancy E., William E., Arthur W., Susan Lurette, and Ann M. Susan Lurette, wife of A. D. James of Des Moines, Ia., and Ann M., widow of Harry Engard of Philadelphia, Pa., are the only survivors.

He married for his third wife the widow Cheney, who was soon after removed from his side, and he then married in 1866 the widow Kelsea of Lisbon, N. H.

Dr. Charles H. Boynton was born in Meredith, N. H., Sept. 20, 1826. He remained with his father on the home farm for several years, attending the district schools a part of the time. When about eighteen years of age he purchased his time of his father for \$100, and went to Brighton, Mass., where he was employed for one season. Returning to New Hampshire, he learned the carpenter's trade, and for the following seven years he worked at this trade, thereby earning money to defray the expenses of his education. As he has expressed himself, "I never had a dollar until I earned it myself."

He attended the New Hampshire Conference Seminary at Northfield (now Tilton) four terms, and then began the study of medicine with Dr. W. D. Buck of Manchester, N. H. Dr. Boynton graduated from the Berkshire Medical College at Pittsfield, Mass., in 1853 and spent the ensuing winter of 1853-54 at Harvard Medical School, where he was engaged in taking post graduate work.

His practice was begun in Alexandria, N. H. In 1858 he removed to Lisbon, N. H., and still remains in that town, where by energy and determination he built up and still enjoys an extensive practice. That keenness of insight into the nature of disease, coolness and strong nerve, which are invaluable qualities in a surgeon and general practitioner, are possessed by Dr. Boynton to a remarkable degree and have led to his skill being relied upon throughout Northern New Hampshire.

In 1854 he was married to Mary H., daughter of Joseph Cummings of Lisbon, N. H. She died in 1876, aged forty-eight years. He has but one child, Alice M., who married W. W. Oliver, junior member of the firm of Cogswell & Oliver, general merchants of Lisbon, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver have two children: Mary B., born June 7, 1890; and Charles E., born Feb. 11, 1895. Mr. Oliver's sketch appears in full on another page.

Dr. Boynton is a member of the White Mountain Medical Society, and has twice been its president. He is also a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society. He belongs to the following Masonic bodies: Kane Lodge, No. 64, and Franklin Chapter, R. A. M., No. 5, of Lisbon. He has served seven consecutive years on the board of education in Lisbon. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and represented the town in the State Legislature of 1868-69, and has always been a strong and zealous worker in all matters of public moment.

We present Dr. Boynton's portrait on a preceding page, and we are certain it will prove a very interesting feature in this volume.

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HORACE E. RANNO, foreman of the Western Union Telegraph Co.'s line and a resident of the village of Woodsville, N. H., was born in Salisbury, Vt., Feb. 19, 1847. He is the son of Samuel and Pernecia (Bump) Ranno of Vermont.

Our subject's grandfather on his father's side, was born in Vermont, and from choice and circumstances led the life of a farmer. He and his good wife reared the following family of children: John, Samuel, and Mary. In religious belief they were partial to the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Samuel Ranno, the father of our subject, was born in Hancock, Vt., and received a limited education in the schools of his native town, and learned the carpenter's trade, which, in connection with farming, constituted his chief means of support. Till the final dissolution and decay of the old Whig party, Mr. Ranno remained true to its principles; when the new Republican party arose phoenix-like from the ashes of its parent, to that party our subject's father trans-



ferred his allegiance. He served in several of the town offices. He married Pernecia Bump of Salisbury, Vt., the daughter of Capt. Harry and Sarah Bump, and to them were born six children, namely: Frank, Edward C., Charlotte M., Jessie G., Catherine M., and Horace E. The Ranno family were Methodists.

Horace E. Ranno received the education of his boyhood days in the schools of Salisbury, Vt., and hired out to the old American Telegraph Co. in his younger years as a builder. In the spring of 1865 he went to Amboy, Ill., and worked at the carpenter's trade, but remained there but a short time. He then turned his attention to the pursuit of agriculture, following that occupation until 1869. However, farming did not prove to be in his line, so he engaged with the Illinois Central R. R. as a brakeman, a position he held till 1873, when he accepted a position with the Western Union Telegraph Co. as foreman and still continues in the service. He superintends and keeps in repair about 400 miles of line, with headquarters in Woodsville, N. H. He is a stanch Republican, but has never had the time to devote to an active participation in politics.

March 20, 1868, he was joined in the bonds of Hymen with Rosella Griffin, daughter of John and Nancy Griffin, both natives of New York City; the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ranno has been productive of the following six children: Edward E., born March 4, 1872; Leon F., Oct. 5, 1874; Emma P., Feb. 25, 1869; Mary A., Aug. 22, 1870; Rosie P., May 19, 1885; and Flossie M., Jan. 2, 1891. Both sons are employed on the B. & M. R. R., Edward as fireman and Leon as a passenger brakeman. The family are attendants of the Episcopal Church of Woodsville, N. H.

Edward C. Ranno, an elder brother of our subject, was also superintendent of construction for the Western Union Telegraph Co.; he was a man of exemplary and thorough business habits and enjoyed the entire confidence of the company. His connection with the Telegraph Company extended over eighteen years, and his death, which occurred May 13, 1878, at the age of thirty-seven, was lamented by all who respect the best qualities that go to make up a noble manhood. His brother, Frank, followed farming and died in Leicester, Vt., in 1880.

ERI OAKES. As a highly respected citizen of Grafton County, a well-to-do and successful business man, though now retired from the active walks of life, and as a gentleman, honored for his sterling worth and integrity, we take great pleasure in presenting the name of the subject of this personal history, who resides in the town of Lisbon. He was born in Stewartstown, N. H., April 14, 1845, and received his early mental training in the town of Franconia, whither his parents had moved. He is a son of James H. and Anna B. (Poor) Oakes, and a grandson of Simeon Oakes.

Among the early settlers of the town of Lisbon, N. H., we may find prominently mentioned the name of Simeon Oakes. He came from Massachusetts; he was a farmer, and his work in his chosen calling contributed largely to the growth of the important agricultural interests of Lisbon township. In politics, he affiliated with the Whig party. His wife, who was a native of Franconia, bore him the following children: Uriah; Eben; Hugh; Kelsea; James H.; Lucretia; Chester; and two girls. They connected themselves as members of the Free Will Baptist Church.

James H. Oakes engaged in the hotel business for several years, after the completion of his education, until 1848, when he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, following the same the remainder of his life, dying at the age of 59 years. He was a man of superior business ability, and was especially well known for his special trait of push. He at first, with an utter defiance of the threats of the friends of slavery, openly supported the cause of the slave, by becoming an enthusiastic and hard-working member of the Abolition party. Upon the organization of the Republican party, realizing that the era of usefulness of the party to which he had given his allegiance was gone, he joined that party, which came to take its place in the battle for the oppressed. He served in various town offices, such as selectman, collector of taxes, etc. By his first wife, the mother of our subject, who was a daughter of Job Poor, he became the proud parent of nine children, as follows: Isaac P.; Edgar A.; John N.; James A.; George A.; Calvin; the twins, Eri and Ira; and one other, the eldest, who died in infancy. His first wife died April 14, 1845, and he thereupon formed



a second matrimonial alliance with Eunice Noyes of Lisbon, by whom he had two children: Anna B. and Fred. Mr. Oakes died in August, 1868, and his wife survived him two years, passing away in 1870. In his religious attachments he was a Free Will Baptist.

Eri Oakes, at the age of sixteen, enlisted in Company H, 8th Regiment, N. H. Vol. Inf., Nov. 4, 1861, and served under Gen. Butler. His term of enlistment read for three years; after two years service, he re-enlisted in the field for three more years. He was discharged as a supernumerary non-commissioned officer, on account of consolidation of his regiment, he having served as corporal and sergeant. He was wounded at Baton Rouge, March 20, 1863, and was taken to the Marine Hospital at New Orleans, where he slowly became convalescent, and ready for active duty again. His twin-brother Ira, who enlisted with him, and whose place in the ranks was next to him, was killed in the battle of Labadieville, La., known as the battle of George's Landing, being mortally wounded, and living only four days. He was a brave and fearless soldier and it is especially worthy of note that his last message home was "to tell father I died fighting for my country."

At the close of the war, our subject was engaged in the ice business in the City of New York, remaining there until 1874, when he came to Lisbon, N. H., where, until 1888, he was in the general mercantile business, finally selling out. He is a Republican, and on Oct. 9, 1889, his services for the party, as well as his general fitness for the position was recognized, by his being appointed postmaster of Lisbon by President Harrison. He was elected chairman of the board of selectmen in 1893, and has since held that position.

Nov. 18, 1868, Mr. Oakes celebrated his nuptials with Ellen S. Cogswell, who was born in Landaff, Sept. 16, 1842; an account of the Cogswell family appears between the covers of this book, in the sketch of Carlos M. Cogswell. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Oakes four children, as follows: Ira, born June 8, 1871, and lately deceased; Etta M., born Sept. 16, 1872; Eri C., born June 12, 1883; and Carl C., born Nov. 22, 1884. Their religious sympathies incline them toward the Congregational Church, of which they are attendants.

Ira Oakes, the eldest son of our subject, and whose recent death was mourned by so many friends, was a rising young lawyer, whose life gave promise of great success. He was born in New York City, but his early education was obtained in the public schools of Lisbon, after which he graduated from the St. Johnsbury, Vt., Academy. He entered upon the study of law in the office of ex-Governor Dillingham of Waterbury, Vt., remaining there a year or more. He then went to Montpelier, and entered the office of M. B. Smiley, Clerk of the Washington County Court. While with Mr. Smiley, he held the office of Deputy Sheriff, and executed the duties of that position with a fidelity that met the approval of all. From Montpelier he went to New York City, and took a year's course in the Columbian Law School, returning at the end of the time, and entered a law office in Lisbon, where he remained till his sudden and unexpected death. During the last session of the Legislature Ira Oakes was Clerk of the Judiciary Committee, which office he filled to the entire satisfaction of the committee. For two years he held a commission as Justice of the Peace of Grafton County.

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HON. CHARLES E. CLARK, deceased. In the number of prominent citizens of Landaff, Grafton Co., N. H., who have departed this life in recent years and gone to their reward, few have occupied a higher place in the estimation of their fellow-men than has our subject. Throughout his life he was engaged in that most ancient and surely most honorable of callings, agriculture. He was born in Lisbon, N. H., Feb. 3, 1825, and was a son of James and Lucinda (Eastman) Clark, both born and reared in Landaff.

James E. Clark was born in Landaff and received his education in the district schools of that town, afterwards pursuing a higher and more advanced course in Peacham Academy of Peacham, Vt. Being naturally gifted with an aptitude for study, he took a leading place in his classes, and so became well fitted to impart learning to others. For eleven years subsequent to the completion of his education he taught school in the district schools of Landaff and Bath, working on the farm in the summer vaca-

tion. He then bought a farm where he lived the remainder of his life. Reading was his favorite recreation, and a book or article once read was not soon forgotten by him. He was a man of rare ability, and was especially interested in public affairs relating in any way to the advancement of education. His political views coincided with those of the Democratic party during its life, and upon the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks. He served as selectman, and represented his town in the State Legislature at Concord in the session of 1849. In 1824 he united his fortunes with those of Lucinda Eastman, daughter of Simeon and Anna (Kimball) Eastman, descendants of the first families to settle in Concord, N. H. Mrs. Clark was born Sept. 21, 1800. Five children blessed their marriage. The family were Methodists in their religious belief.

Charles E. Clark was educated in the schools of Lisbon and at Newbury Seminary of Newbury, Vt. Being the only son, he remained on the old homestead and assisted his father in caring for the farm, and after his parents' death he succeeded to the inheritance. His death took place there Oct. 18, 1896. In politics he was a Democrat and ably represented his town in the Legislative halls of Concord. Matters of public interest and public welfare concerned him greatly, believing that each man owed a duty to the State in assisting in every way any movement intended to promote the general good. Keen in intellect and unbiased in his opinions he was rarely at fault in his critical judgment, which was partly due to his keeping well posted on all current topics. In his dealings with his fellow-men in a personal way he was generous-hearted and ready to forgive any accidental or unintentional injury. In October, 1854, he was married to Mehitabel Atwood, daughter of Joseph Atwood of Landaff; she died Dec. 3, 1876. A second union was formed with a cousin of his first wife, Julia Atwood, May 1, 1878; she was a daughter of David Atwood of Landaff. Mrs. Clark departed this mortal life 1893. One child was the result of this second marriage, Luella K., who was born Dec. 5, 1880, and died May 4, 1883. Mr. Clark was a regular attendant of the Methodist Church, of which he was a very liberal supporter, giving largely from his means to aid in its work of beneficence.

WILLIAM E. PIKE, a member of the firm of Pike Bros. (Charles W. and William E. Pike), is a prominent member of the trade circles of Lisbon, N. H., and prominently identified in all of its business interests. The firm deals in meats, vegetables, poultry, canned goods, fruit, etc., principally in the summer, and making a specialty of native and Chicago dressed beef, and also oysters in the winter. A large and important part of their trade is derived from the hotels and summer resorts of all kinds, which they supply with fruits, vegetables, and meats in their season.

Our subject is the son of Samuel and Mary (Jeffers) Pike, grandson of Moses and Mary (Ball) Pike; William E. Pike was born in the town of Haverhill, N. H., April 27, 1860. Moses Pike was a native of Hebron, N. H., and followed his trade of coopering in connection with farming, as long as he felt able to continue in active manual labor. His later years were spent in Groton, N. H. He married Mary Ball, who bore him the large family of fourteen children: Daniel; Drury; Lucinda; Mary; Lovisa; Ruth; Tama; Isaac; Daniel, the second of that name; Arthur; Moses; Drury, the second of that name; Samuel, the father of our subject, and a child, who did not pass beyond the period of infancy.

Samuel Pike was born June 10, 1814, and received a beneficial school training in the common schools of Haverhill, N. H. Then, after working as a farm-laborer for a time, he purchased a farm, which he managed in an intelligent and satisfactory manner, until he engaged in the meat business in Haverhill, N. H., in which he spent the remaining years of his life, carrying on the business as long as his health would permit, retiring from active labor in 1887. In 1896 he moved to Lisbon, N. H., where he could be with his sons; he is now eighty-two years old. His first wife, who was Sarah B. Roberts of Orford, N. H., and who died in 1851, bore him four children: Adin M.; Charles A.; Laura A., and one, who died when a baby; they are all deceased now. Mr. Pike contracted a second alliance with Mary G. Jeffers, daughter of John Jeffers, and to them were born five children, as follows: Lizzie A.; Charles W.; Andrew J.; John J.; and William E. They belonged to the M. E. Church of Haverhill, N. H.



William E. Pike received an elementary education in the schools of Haverhill, N. H., and was enabled to complete his education satisfactorily by pursuing a higher course in Newbury Academy of Newbury, Vt. He started in the struggle for a competence and a living as a dealer in meats in Haverhill, where he acquired the good will and patronage of a large trade. In 1890 he moved to Lisbon, N. H., and engaged in nearly the same line of business with his brother, Charles W. being still identified with this venture, in which his brothers have been very successful. They are honest, upright, young men, whose great desire is that their efforts to please and give satisfaction will meet what is generally expected of them.

May 1, 1880, Mr. Pike was united in marriage with Lizzie C. Sherman, daughter of Stephen and Mary Sherman of Lisbon, N. H., and from this union have resulted three children: George W.; Herbert S.; and Charles R. Mrs. Pike is a member in good standing of the M. E. Church of Lisbon, N. H. Mr. Pike, in his political views, is a strong adherent of the Democratic Party.

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FRED J. MOORE, a member of the Moore Peg Co. of Lisbon, N. H., was born in the town of Franconia, N. H., March 10, 1865. He is a son of Ovid D. and Harriet I. (Howland) Moore of Lisbon, N. H., and grandson of Joseph W. and Mary (Dolloff) Moore. Fred J. was educated in the schools of Franconia, Bristol, and in New Hampton Commercial College, from which he graduated June 28, 1883. After completing his education he worked for his father in a pulp mill until 1889, when he secured employment in the peg mill of Wells & Woolson, where he remained and learned the business until 1890 when he was made a member of the Moore Peg Co., and still remains a member of said company.

His grandfather was a native of Bristol, where he farmed and carried on an extensive lumber industry. He was a stanch Republican in politics and served his town in the capacity of selectman and justice of the peace for several years. He also represented the town of Bristol in the State Legislature. His wife bore him eight children, namely: Ovid D., James G., Joseph W.,

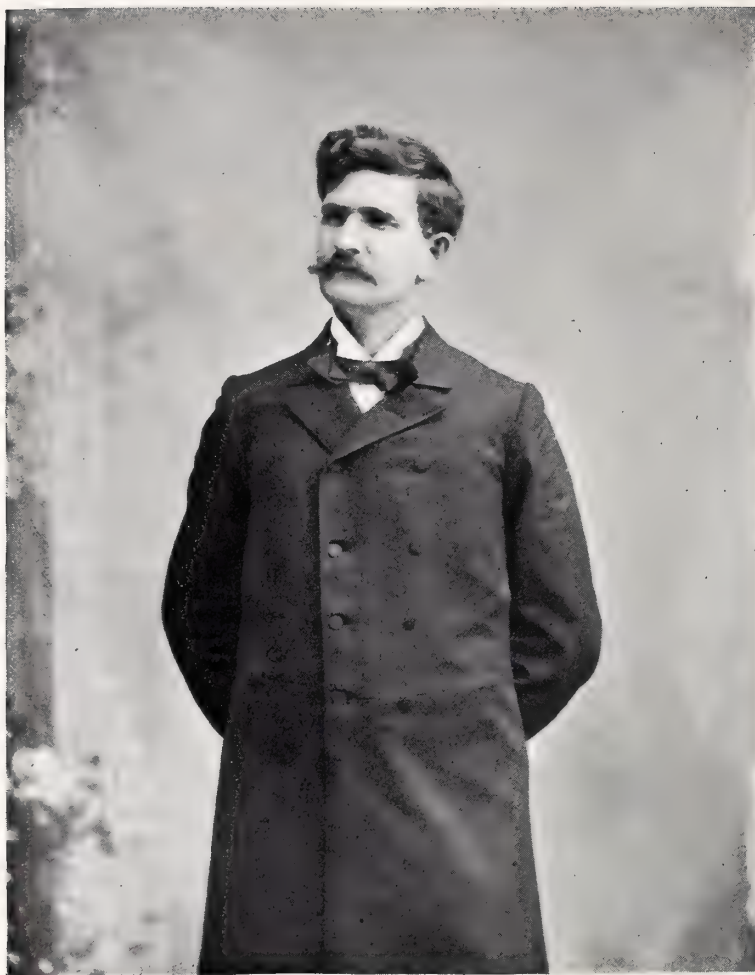
Jane, Rachel, Mary, Josephine, and Sarah. Mr. Moore died April 30, 1880; his wife was taken to the mansions prepared above Feb. 15, 1887. They were liberal in their religious views.

Ovid Moore, the father of our subject, was born in Bristol, N. H., and at an early age entered upon the pursuit of agriculture and the incidental carrying on of a lumber business. In the fall of 1874 he came to Lisbon, N. H., and in company with his brother engaged in the wood pulp business, which continued to claim his attention and to yield good returns, until 1889. In the fall of 1890 he took up the shoe peg industry, as one of the Moore Peg Co., with their plant located in Lisbon, N. H.; they do an especially fine and extensive foreign trade, shipping from 3,000 to 4,000 barrels of pegs yearly. He is a loyal and true Republican, but is a man who could never be prevailed upon to accept public office of any kind, having no desire to spread his name and reputation in that manner. He married a daughter of Russell M. Howland of Franconia, and by their union two children were born: Genevieve, deceased, who married William S. Nelson, a member of the Moore Peg Co., and whose personal history occurs on another page in this volume; and Fred J., the subject of this sketch. Our subject's mother died March 20, 1871, and Mr. Moore formed a second union with Hattie Howland. They are liberal in their religious views, and are not members of any church organization, but support indiscriminately all denominations.

Our subject is a Republican of an unyielding fibre, and he has ever remained true to the party of his choice. Socially, he is of the fraternity of Masons, belonging to Kane Lodge, No. 64, of Lisbon, N. H.; Franklin Chapter, No. 5, of Lisbon, N. H.; and St. Girard Commandery of Littleton, N. H. He is also a member of the Washington Council of Princes of Jerusalem of Littleton, N. H.; Littleton Chapter of Rose Croix. In 1886 he was joined in marriage with Jennie E. Harris of Warren, daughter of Proctor E. and Lucy W. (Taylor) Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have become the parents of one child, Hattie I., born in 1889, who is now attending the public schools of Lisbon, N. H. They are attendants of the Congregational Church of Lisbon, N. H.







CHARLES L. WALLACE.

CHARLES L. WALLACE. Conspicuous among the leading young men of Lisbon, N. H., who are destined to make a prominent place for themselves in the world, it gives us pleasure to present the name of the principal and superintendent of the Lisbon public schools, Charles L. Wallace. His education and early employments have been such as to eminently fit him for the position he so faithfully fills. He was born in Thornton, N. H., Nov. 7, 1860, and obtained his early education in the schools of Sandwich, N. H.; at the age of sixteen he entered the New Hampton Literary Institute, graduating in 1884. He then entered Bates College at Lewiston, Me., and completed his school education by graduating from that institution of learning in 1888. Following his graduation, he went to Guilford, Conn., where he accepted a position as the principal of the Guilford Academy, and remained there one year. He then went to Lisbon, N. H., in the fall of 1889, and accepted the position of principal and superintendent of its public schools, a position he still satisfactorily occupies.

His grandfather, Samuel Wallace, was a native of Farmington, and completed his education in the schools of the above-mentioned town. He followed the pursuits of agriculture all his life and was considered a very prominent man, being esteemed very highly by all of his acquaintances. In his political belief he was a Democrat. He married Nancy Dukwine of Durham, N. H., and to them were born ten children: George, Andrew, William, Joseph, Nancy, Ira, Samuel, Asahel, James, and Elizabeth. They were Free Will Baptists in their religious belief and preferences.

Asahel Wallace, the father of our subject, was born May 16, 1825, in Sandwich, N. H., and was educated in the common schools of that place; he became a farmer, and made it the chief means of obtaining his livelihood, and of obtaining a competence for old age. He was shrewd and keen-sighted in business transactions; he had an eye for the good points in cattle and horses, and speculated much in them, doing a large and flourishing business. He was a stanch Democrat, politically. He married Caroline I. Tappan, daughter of Jonathan and Dolly Tappan, both natives of Sandwich, N. H., and to them were born eleven children, namely: Charles L., Christopher T., Emma L., Marcellus C., Margery V.,

Dolly C., Mary H., Asahel H., Fred W., Alonzo M., and Myra R. They were Free Will Baptists. He died March 24, 1896; Mrs. Wallace still survives her husband.

Our subject is a Republican in respect to his political sympathies. Socially, he is a Mason, and belongs to Kane Lodge, No. 64, of Lisbon, N. H.; Franklin Chapter, No. 5, of the same place; he holds the office of Scribe in the Chapter. He also belongs to the I. O. O. F., Concordia Lodge, No. 64; Ammonoosuc Encampment, No. 34, and has filled all the offices in the subordinate lodge. On Oct. 14, 1888, he was joined in matrimony with Grace Montgomery of Levant, Maine. They are members and regular attendants of the Congregational Church of Lisbon, N. H. In 1896 he was elected president of the New Hampshire State Teachers' Association. He is secretary of the Board of Education of the town of Lisbon; member of the executive committee of the New Hampshire Sunday-school Association; one of the board of managers of the New Hampshire Teachers' Reading Circle; one of the State examiners for teachers' certificates; and deacon of the First Congregational Church of Lisbon. His portrait appears on another page.

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HENRY DOWSE, a farmer of the town of Landaff, N. H., now retired from active life, was born in Newbury, Vt., Dec. 31, 1833; his parents were John R. and Esther (Coburn) Dowse, both of whom were born in Thetford, Vt.

In 1851, after living in his native town till he was eighteen, and securing a good common school education, Henry Dowse went to Dorchester, Mass., and worked for the firm of R. Gleason & Sons Britannia Plating Co., with whom he remained seven years, and then returned to Newbury, Vt., to take up farm work. In 1862, Aug. 15, he enlisted in Co. H., 12th Reg. Vt. Vol. Inf.; the regiment was then under the command of Col. Asa P. Blunt. Their first objective point was Washington, D. C., where they went into camp at Capitol Hill, being attached to the Second Brigade, Casey's Division of the Reserve Army Corps for the defense of Washington. The members of the regiment did



guard duty and took turns on the picket line at Alexandria, Fairfax Court House, and Wolf Run Shoals, Va., and participated in the battles of Fairfax Court House, Va., Dec. 28, 1862, and Gettysburg, July 3, 1863. Mr. Dowse was promoted to the position of corporal Jan. 13, 1863, and was honorably discharged from the service at Brattleboro, Vt., at the expiration of his term of enlistment.

When the war was over and business, which had been at a stand-still, began to pick up, he went to Northampton, Mass., where he became interested in the lumber business; he remained in that connection for three years, and then went into the employ of the Connecticut River R. R. handling freight at the station until 1875, returning in that year to Newbury, Vt., where he farmed until 1878, when he moved to Landaff and purchased the farm which he has since been engaged in cultivating.

He was united in marriage to Harriet Clough, daughter of Uzziel and Almira (Sawyer) Clough, the former a native of the town of Lyman and the latter from Bradford, Vt. Since 1888 there has resided with them a daughter of Lyman Bemis of Benton; Lula Bemis was born in September, 1882. Mr. Dowse is a Republican and has served in many of the town offices, such as selectman, etc. He belongs to Col. Emery Post, No. 23, G. A. R., of Lisbon, and has filled nearly all the chairs of that post. He is also enrolled among the members of the Mount Hope Grange, No. 77, of Landaff, N. H. Our subject's wife is a member of the M. E. Church of Landaff.

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HAROLD C. MARSTON, the leading druggist of the village of Lisbon, Grafton County, N. H., was born in Bangor, Me., Oct. 6, 1855. His parents and grandparents lived in that place, and there our subject passed his youth, and the years in which he learned his present profession of a pharmacist. He was a son of Arlington B. and Caroline (Hurd) Marston, and grandson of Gideon Marston, who was a descendant of two brothers who came from England and settled in the State of Massachusetts. The grandfather of our subject came from that State, and followed his trade of a sign painter during his later years in Bangor, Me. He was a very skilled

artisan, even going so far as to execute several portraits, that gave him a wide reputation. He married Hannah Blaisdell, and their union was blessed with the birth of two children: Arlington; and Fanny, who died when a babe. He was a Universalist in his religious views. Socially he was a member of St. Andrew's Masonic Lodge, No. 83, of Bangor, Me., in which he held all the chairs that were of any consequence; he was also a member of St. John Commandery.

When the father of our subject became a young man he learned the trade of a sign painter, and engaged in business with his father, the firm being known as G. Marston & Son. Later on he opened up an artists' supply store, which has done a thriving business since under the name of Marston & Gorham. It is one of the oldest establishments of its kind in the city of Bangor, and in the busy season requires the services of from twenty to forty men to accomplish its contracts for outside work. Arlington Marston has always been a staunch Republican. He is a 33d degree Mason, and belongs to St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, of Bangor, Me.; he has been Past Grand Commander, Past Grand High Priest, and Past Grand Senior Warden. In 1854 he married Caroline Hurd, daughter of Benjamin and Caroline Hurd of Bangor, Me.; there were born to them three children: Ernest B.; Cora E.; and Harold C., the subject of this personal history. Our subject's parents favor the Universalist Church, and are attendants of the church of that organization in Bangor.

Harold C. Marston, after completing a very good education in the district schools of Bangor, Me., went into the drug-store of J. F. Patten of Bangor, to clerk and learn the business. Being of an ambitious turn of mind, he pursued the regular studies of a pharmaceutical course while he was a clerk, and received finally the diploma of the Maine State Pharmaceutical Commission, having passed successfully the examination given him. Nine years were spent in the drug-store of J. F. Patten, and then, after a short stay in Massachusetts, he came to Lisbon, in November, 1881. From then until 1887, he clerked in a drug-store. Since 1887 he has conducted a drug-store on his own account; he has a large trade in all kinds of drugs, patent medicines, and all other necessary stock and adjuncts of a well-kept drug store.

Socially, a Mason, he belongs to Kane Lodge, No. 64, Franklin Chapter, No. 5; Omega Council, No. 9; St. Gerard Commandery; and to the Edward A. Raymond Consistory of Nashua, N. H. He has been through all the chairs of the lodge, and also of the chapter; he is now Captain of Hosts.

In December, 1877, he celebrated his nuptials with Mary E. Clark, daughter of D. L. and Mary A. Clark, both natives of Maine. By this union there has resulted one child: Blanche E., born Feb. 28, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Marston are members of the Congregational Church of Lisbon, N. H. He is a Republican.

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SULLIVAN H. GORDON, deceased, was a prominent and influential farmer of the town of Landaff, Grafton Co., N. H., and was born Feb. 5, 1821; he was a son of Savory and Sarah (Powers) Gordon, and a grandson of Phineas Gordon.

Our subject's grandfather was a native of New Hampshire, working at his trade of a blacksmith in the town of Bath all his life. His family was composed of ten children, who were as follows: Phineas, Jr., John, Savory, George, Sylvanus, Hannah, Mary, Abbie, Rosa A., and Sybil. He was devoted to the tenets and dogmas of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Our subject's father was born July 22, 1792, in the town of Bath, N. H., and obtained a somewhat limited schooling in the educational institutions of that town. At an early age, when his parents moved to Landaff, our subject went with them, and there learned the trade of a stonemason. Savory Gordon spent the remainder of his life in Landaff, where he toiled at his chosen trade. His wife, Sarah Powers, also from the town of Bath, bore him ten children, who received the names of Savory, Jr., Joan, Sullivan H., Frank, Francis, Russell T., Patience P., Dan P., Sarah E., and Jane H. Mr. Gordon was a Democrat, and a member of the M. E. Church.

Our subject, upon the completion of his education in the district schools of Bath, N. H., hired out as a farm hand, and in a few years was enabled, by good management and habits of economy, to buy a farm in the town of Landaff with his savings. Later on he sold this farm and

with the money resulting from the sale invested in another farm, where he remained about eight years. In 1872 he took a trip west and located in Manchester, Ia., where he engaged in the ice business, remaining there for about four years. In 1876 he returned to his native State to the city of Manchester, and in 1878 moved to Hancock, N. H., where he bought a piece of farming land and engaged in agricultural pursuits about nine years. In 1887 he sold his farm and moved back to Manchester, N. H., where he owned a small farm till his death, which occurred Jan. 5, 1889. In politics he was a staunch and unyielding Democrat, and most loyal in his hearty support of that party.

In 1851 our subject was joined in wedlock to Cynthia G. Wallace of New Hampton, N. H. She was born March 15, 1829, and was a daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Sanborn) Wallace, the former of Sanbornton, N. H., and the latter of New Hampton, N. H. There having been no children born to our subject and his wife, they adopted a boy and a girl: Fred G. R. and Laura E. Fred G. R. Gordon married Evora Gardner and lives in Manchester. Laura E. married E. W. King of Newport, N. H., and has borne him four children: Walter S., Frances W., Maud L., and Cynthia. Mrs. Gordon still survives her husband, and is living a retired life on the Gordon homestead at Landaff Center. She is liberal in her religious views and attachments. Mr. Gordon was a member of Kane Lodge, F. & A. M. of Lisbon, and was buried by that order.

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JAMES GLYNN, deceased, a late resident of Lisbon, N. H., was born in Tyngsboro, Mass., Aug. 1, 1804. The first member of the Glynn family in America of whom we have any definite knowledge is John Glynn, the grandfather of our subject. His parents were from Ireland, and he was born nine days after their arrival in this country, in Lynn, Mass., April 6, 1730. He married Thankful Adams, who was born in 1729, and to them were born the following children: Joseph, James, William, Isaac, Phebe, Betsey, Polly, and Sally. It is believed that they were members of the Congregational Church.

Isaac Glynn, the father of James, our subject, was born in Westford, Mass., and educated



there; Jan. 16, 1775, at the age of fourteen, he enlisted in the Revolutionary Army, serving through the entire war, and served in several battles as orderly sergeant, among which engagements was the Battle of Bunker Hill. His service in the army having ended, he learned the cooper's trade, and later on in life moved to Springfield, Vt., where he purchased a farm, which he was occupied in cultivating the rest of his life, dying Dec. 30, 1835. He married Sarah Nutting, daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Reed) Nutting, natives of Westford, Mass. There were born to Isaac and Sarah Glynn fifteen children, the record of whose births is as follows: Benjamin, born Sept. 22, 1786, died March 3, 1863; Lucinda, Jan. 17, 1791; Sally, July 6, 1788; Polly, Nov. 26, 1793; Thomas, April 5, 1795; Samuel, April 29, 1797; Joseph, Jan. 24, 1799; Isaac, Nov. 24, 1800; Sophronia, first of that name, July 17, 1803; James, Aug. 1, 1804; Sophronia, the second of that name, June 15, 1806; John, Nov. 9, 1810; and three, who did not survive the period of their infancy. Mrs. Glynn died Oct. 27, 1852, in North Haverhill, N. H. They were Congregationalists in the matter of church membership, and were always numbered among the church's warmest supporters.

James Glynn was educated in the schools of Springfield, Vt., and made a beginning in life's struggle by learning the shoemaker's trade. Subsequently he learned the blacksmith's trade and followed it a number of years in the town of Moriah, N. Y. He then moved to North Haverhill in 1835, and worked at his trade, later engaging in the lumber business. His later years were spent in agricultural pursuits, which he carried on until 1873, when he moved to Lisbon, N. H., and lived in retirement. He was a Republican, and was postmaster in North Haverhill in 1849; he was also a justice of the peace several years, but was not generally considered an aspirant for office.

In Springfield, Vt., Nov. 18, 1823, he was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony with Olive Bemis, daughter of Silas and Beulah (Sartwell) Bemis, the former of Acton, Mass., and the latter from Winchendon, Mass. Eight children were born to our subject and his good wife: Cordelia J., born Jan. 25, 1825, married B. C. Durgin of Limerick, Me., and had one

child, Ruth C., deceased; Gratia A., born Aug. 31, 1827, has been twice married: her first husband was O. A. Emerson of Thetford, Vt., her second spouse was Daniel Morse of North Haverhill, N. H. Horace H. was born March 16, 1829. Ellen P., born Jan. 8, 1832, married Calvin Pennock of North Haverhill, and had one child, Florence E., deceased. Ruth M. was born June 17, 1834; Emily L., first of that name, was born Sept. 5, 1836. Emily L., the second, was born May 24, 1841. Verona A., born March 30, 1845, married George Pennock of North Haverhill, and has three children by the marriage, namely: Myrtle G., James G., and G. Leslie. The family are attendants of the M. E. Church of Lisbon, N. H. James Glynn departed this life March 9, 1891. The mother was called hence June 12, 1890.

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JAMES W. FOSTER, a manufacturer of patent medicines and making a specialty of the famous Lady Poor Ointment, residing in Bath, N. H., was born in Dorchester, N. H., Jan. 23, 1852, and is a son of David G. A. and Caroline A. (Davis) Foster of Dorchester, N. H.

David G. A. Foster's schooling was of the common school variety and extended till he was fifteen years of age, when he voluntarily went to work to earn his own living. He went to work in the service of the State militia, taking care of the colonel's horse for nearly two years. He was then employed as clerk in Blaisdell's store in Wentworth, N. H., remaining there nearly six years in the firm's employ. He left his clerkship to embark in business for himself, building a store in Dorchester, N. H., where he carried on a thriving business for about six years, when he sold out to Eaton N. Davis. From Dorchester he removed to West Rumney, engaging there in the mercantile business; about 1858 he moved to Bath, N. H., where he carried on a general store until 1888, selling out to his son, James W. He then purchased a farm, and has since given his attention to general agricultural pursuits. About the year 1850 he was married to Caroline A. Davis, whose parents were natives of Dorchester, N. H., and to them have been given the following children: Napoleon B., Scott, Ada, Bessie E., Scott, who is no longer



living, and James W., the subject of this memoir. Politically, Mr. Foster is a firm Democrat, adhering to the principles advocated by that party. He is liberal in his religious views.

James W. Foster was educated in the public schools of his native town and in the M. E. Seminary of Montpelier, Vt.; at the age of eighteen he entered his father's store as a clerk and remained with him about twenty years, at last buying him out and carrying on a general store until 1890. In that year he turned his attention to the manufacture of patent medicines, which have already acquired a wide reputation, although the enterprise is yet in its infancy. In May, 1896, a stock company was formed under the State laws of New Hampshire for the manufacture of patent medicines; the business is carried on under the name of the James W. Foster Co. The company has already opened branch offices in Boston, New York, and Chicago for a ready distribution and advertising of their product.

In the fall of 1876 he was married to Mary Weeks, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Bartlett) Weeks of Bath, N. H., and they have been blessed with the birth of two children: Blanche and Grace, who are attending school. Mr. Foster and his family are Unitarians in religious affiliations. Our subject is one of the leading Democrats of Bath, and was honored during Cleveland's first administration by an appointment to the postmastership. He was appointed again by the present administration, a position he still retains.

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DAVID W. SHAW, superintendent of the Lisbon Peg & Bobbin Mill, is the son of Nathaniel M. Shaw and grandson of David Shaw, who was born in Sanbornton, N. H., where he was reared and engaged in business as a farmer and a lumberman. He departed this life at the age of sixty-six. He married Mary Morrill of Sanbornton, who was over ninety years at her death. There were born to them twelve children, whose names are as follows: Polly (Bean), Nathaniel M., John, David, Jr.; Charlotte (Sutton), Susan, Sylvester, Watson, Eliza, Andrew, and Sarah (Shaw).

Nathaniel M. Shaw, the eldest son and second child in his father's family, was born and passed his youthful years in Sanbornton, N. H.; soon after marriage he went to Franklin and remained there a few years, going thence to New Hampton, where he lived up to the three years preceding his death; these last years were spent in Ashland, Grafton Co. He was a farmer by occupation, but like his father dealt considerably in lumber. He married Jemima P. Hursey, daughter of William and Mary (Smart) Hursey of Sanbornton. She died at the age of forty-two, and left the following children: Winthrop D., Nathaniel H., David W., the subject of this personal history; Herbert A., deceased; Martha (Keyes) (Colby), Ai B., and Harriet L. (Graham). The two oldest sons patented an automatic light system, and are now associated in business in Boston, devoting their time to the manufacture and introduction of their system to the public. The youngest son, Ai B., has lately invented a bicycle tire, which is being manufactured for the 1897 wheels by the great tire firm of Morgan & Wright Mfg. Co. and will be placed before the public; it is a tire which has many points of excellence, which will benefit the public, and prove it to be a financial success to its inventor. Nathaniel M. Shaw married as his second wife Mary B. Hursey, a sister of his first wife; she died at the age of seventy-nine. Mr. Shaw was a pronounced Democrat in his political attachments; he departed this life at the age of seventy. They favored the Calvin Baptist Church.

David W. Shaw was born June 24, 1834, in Franklin, N. H., and when he was one year old his parents moved to New Hampton, and there it was that our subject was reared and educated. When he attained his majority he went to Tamouth, N. H., where he was married in 1856 to Sarah E., daughter of Samuel S. Beede. Mr. Shaw has been associated in the peg and bobbin business the most of his life, beginning when a young man, and continuing till 1873, when he began farming on the old homestead in New Hampton; he was engaged in agricultural pursuits till his wife died in 1879; she was aged forty-one years. She left behind her to his care two children: Ralph, who died at the age of twenty-five; and Marion A., who married B. C. Smith of Bartlett,

Vt., and became the mother of two children, Mildred, deceased, at the age of two, and Ralph H., Jr. Upon his wife's death Mr. Shaw left the farm and accepted a position as superintendent of a peg mill at Bartlett, Vt., where he remained twelve years. While a resident of that place, in 1887, he married Isabella M. Harris, by whom he has one child, Bernice M. In 1891 Mr. Shaw became superintendent of the Lisbon Peg & Bobbin Mill, which position he still holds and has entire charge of the business. He is a Democrat, politically. He is a member of the North Star Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M. Mr. Shaw is thorough and painstaking in business, and with his thorough knowledge of commercial methods and details of his manufacturing business, he has proved himself to be a valuable acquisition to the company and to the town of Lisbon. His genial good-humor and open-heartedness of nature have won him many friends who unite in his praise.

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DR. CHARLES C. ROUNDS, late principal of the State Normal School of New Hampshire, is a native of the State of Maine. His father, Nathaniel Rounds, was the son Joseph Rounds, who was a soldier of the War of Independence, as was also his father; he was among the first to join the army at Cambridge, and marched thence to Ticonderoga; he was in the first regiment which entered Boston on its evacuation by the British, and was in Gates' army at the surrender of Burgoyne.

Nathaniel Rounds was born in Buxton, Me., in 1799. When a young man he moved to the town of Waterford, Me., where he spent the rest of his life.

He married Betsey, daughter of William Brown of Waterford. Eight children were born to them: Jane (Follett), deceased; Edwin, deceased; Cyrus, deceased; Harriet, deceased; Rowena, deceased; Harriet E., deceased; Christina, proprietor of "Miss Rounds's School for Girls," in Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Charles C., the subject of this sketch.

Charles C. Rounds was born at Waterford, Me., Aug. 15, 1831. His early education was received in the common schools of Waterford, in the North Bridgeton Academy, and in Oxford

Normal Institute. After attending the Academy he served an apprenticeship as a printer, working at the trade about four years. He then prepared himself for college at the Oxford Normal Institute, eventually entering Dartmouth College, from which he graduated in the Class of 1857.

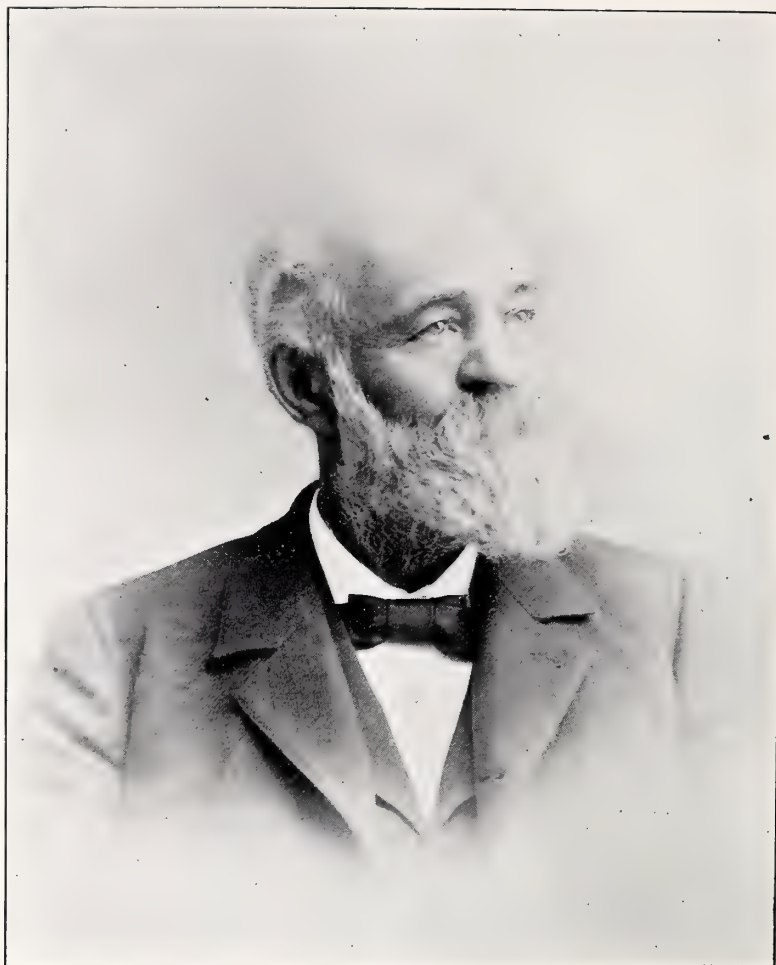
Soon after his graduation he began teaching; his experience as an instructor has been exceptional, having taught public schools in three New England States, and also in the State of Ohio, where he was principal of one of the city schools in Cleveland for six years. He has served as principal of two academies in Maine, and was principal of the State Normal School at Farmington, Me., for fifteen years. He was principal of the State Normal School of New Hampshire thirteen years until the summer of 1896, and is now residing in New York City.

His interest in school work has not been confined. It was through his efforts as president of the National Council of Education, in 1895, that a committee of twelve was appointed from that body, of which committee he is one, to investigate the condition of the rural schools of the United States, and to make a special report after two years of investigation and inquiry. Prof. Rounds has been a member of the National Council of Education since its organization in 1882, and has served continuously as a member of that organization by successive elections for terms of six years each. He has been president of the Maine State Teachers' Association. He was twice president of the New England Normal Association, and has twice held the office of president of the National Normal Association. He has been a member since 1869 of the National Educational Association.

In 1857 Dr. Rounds married Kate Nixon Stowell, daughter of Thomas Nixon Stowell of Paris, Me., whose grandfather, Thomas Nixon of Framingham, Mass., was a soldier in the Colonial wars from 1755. He was in the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill, from the latter battle to the close of the Revolution commanded a regiment, and was a charter member of the Society of the Cincinnati. They have four children. The eldest is Mrs. Agnes I. (Matthews), now a resident of Illinois, her home being in Chicago. She was educated in Miss Wesselholt's school in Boston, in the Maine State Nor-







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mal School, and in Wellesley College. She has had a wide experience in teaching, having taught in Normal schools in five different States, and in Washington, D. C. Arthur C. is a member of the law firm of Carter, Hughes & Dwight of New York City, and is a professor in the University Law School. He is a graduate of Amherst College and of Harvard Law School. Ralph S. is a graduate of Amherst College and of Columbia University Law School. He is a member of the law firm of Rounds & Dillingham of New York City, and is also a professor in the University Law School. Katharine, the youngest, is a graduate of Smith College, and since her graduation has taught in high and normal schools, and in private schools in Brooklyn and in New York City.

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JONATHAN K. ATWOOD, a prominent manufacturer of Lisbon, Grafton Co., N. H., whose portrait appears on the opposite page, was born in the town of Landaff, N. H., Sept. 3, 1828. He is a son of Moses K. and Mary A. (Hall) Atwood, and grandson of Joseph Atwood and a Miss Kimball. The subject of this sketch received his education in the schools of Landaff and Lisbon, and learned the jeweler's trade, working at it one year in Littleton, and two years in Lisbon, N. H. At the age of twenty-three he turned his attention to the manufacture of bobbins for use in cotton, silk, and woolen mills, for which he has found a ready sale from the very start. He started in with one lathe and has increased the business with such sagacity and prudence that he is now the largest rough bobbin manufacturer in the United States, doing an annual business of late of \$40,000.00, and handling 2,000 cords of wood. He was prime mover in the scheme to furnish electric light and power to the people of Lisbon, and is at present the president of the Lisbon Power Co. At this time he is also erecting a plant, that he may be able to furnish power and light to the neighboring village of Sugar Hill, with its many beautiful cottages, summer hotels, and streets. He is a man brimful of energy, and ever alive to the wants of the people, and quick to anticipate and fulfill them.

Our subject's grandfather, Joseph Atwood, was born in Landaff, N. H., and followed the occupation of farming all of his life. He was considered a leader among the intelligent men of his locality, and was held in the highest esteem by his neighbors and friends. He was a stanch Democrat, and represented the town in the Legislature twenty-one years. He held all the important town offices to the entire satisfaction of the most critical. He was three times united in wedlock. His first wife, a daughter of Capt. Jonathan Kimball of Lisbon, presented him with two children: Moses K., the father of our subject, and David. On the taking away of his first wife he formed a union with a Miss Chandler, and three children resulted: Benjamin, Mehitabel, and John. His third wife was the widow Simons. He departed this life in 1865. They were Baptists in respect to their views on religion and religious preferences.

Moses K. Atwood was born in Landaff, N. H., and upon completing a common school education in its schools, learned the wheelwright's trade, which he followed through that part of life in which he was actively engaged in work. He was a stanch Democrat in his political attachments. He married Mary Ann Hall, daughter of Thomas Hall of Lisbon, and to them were born the following children, nine in number: Jonathan K., William M., Stephen W., Moses, James M., Joseph L., George H., Benjamin F., and Mary J. In their religion, they were Adventists. Moses K. Atwood died at the age of forty-two, in 1850; his wife survived him as the head of the family for almost half a century, dying at the age of eighty-eight, in May, 1895.

Jonathan K. Atwood has been married five times. His first wife was Lydia A. Harris of Whitefield, Coos Co., N. H., and by this union he became the father of one child, who died in infancy. Mrs. Atwood died in 1840. His second union was formed with Rebecca W. Pingree of Littleton, N. H.; Clara P., the sole child of this union, married Walter Baker, now deceased, of Laconia, N. H., and had one son, Charles, who lives with his grandfather, the subject of this sketch. The second Mrs. Atwood died in 1843. He then formed a third alliance for better or for worse with Sarah N. Hibbard of Lisbon, N. H., and from this union resulted Henry H. and Mary E. Henry H. is at present the electrician of the

Lisbon Power Co. His first wife was a Miss Welch of Barnet, Vt., and by their union there was one child, Sarah M. His wife died in 1890. He then formed a second union with Miss Mattie Smalley of Lisbon, N. H. Mary E. married Harry Metcalf, and lives in Orlando, Florida. Mrs. J. K. Atwood died March 14, 1881. His fourth union was with Elizabeth Parker, who before marriage was Elizabeth F. Vance. She passed away to fairer regions, Jan. 30, 1892. In 1894 he formed a fifth union with Clara O. Morse, formerly Richardson; she was born in Barnet, Vt. Mr. Atwood and his wife coincide in their religious views, and are both members of the Congregational Church of Lisbon, N. H. Mr. Atwood is a Democrat, and holds the office of justice of the peace, and has been the incumbent for several years.

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HON. JOHN H. DERBY, whose large and well-improved farm is situated in the southern part of the town of Lyme, near Moose Mountain, was introduced to this life, in Troy, Vt., March 28, 1832; our subject only lived about five months in his native State, for in August of the year in which he was born the family moved to Lyme, N. H. His parents were William H. and Hannah (Avery) Derby; our subject's mother died at his home, Sept. 8, 1872, aged sixty-eight years; she was a daughter of Deacon Avery of Orford, N. H. Our subject's grandfather on his father's side was Jedediah Derby, who married a Miss Grant. He was a farmer by occupation and a man of especially marked ingenuity, which was exhibited both in and out of his regular calling. In late life he manufactured whip lashes, which he sold through the country. He was a member of the Baptist Church of Lyme Center.

William H. Derby, the father of John H., was born in the town of Lyme and lived there the greater part of his life. At the age of forty, when he was forced to work hard to support a large family of quite small children, he was so unfortunate as to have typhoid fever, which left him blind and weak. When not enervated by disease he was a man of unusual strength and was unrivaled in that respect throughout the town. So on the recovery of his aforesaid strength, with the aid of one of his sons, he fol-

lowed peddling, carrying a large trunk of goods on his shoulders. His death occurred Feb. 16, 1859, at the age of fifty-six, at the home of his son, Lewis S. Derby; he was engaged at his work as peddler up to within two years of his death; his death was attributed to heart disease. Six children were born to him: John H.; David L.; Lewis S., whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; Francis J., who died from the effects of exposure in army life, March 10, 1863, aged twenty-four years; Amanda M., married D. W. Chase of Bentonville, Ark.; and Charles W., a resident of the town of Lebanon, N. H.

Our subject has made the town of Lyme his home, except for a few years spent in Hanover, working as a farm hand. Because of his father's affliction he with two other brothers were forced at a very early age to support themselves. For five years up to the time when he was eighteen he received only his board, clothes, and schooling, and it was only when he had arrived at that age that he began to receive wages. After working out some sixteen years, he married and began to farm for himself. He rented his brother's farm for a year, and then came to his present farm, which belonged to his wife's father, and worked the farm with his father-in-law until the latter was compelled to retire from active labor because of age.

He was married by the Rev. James C. Seagraves at Wentworth, N. H., May 26, 1866, to Ruhama E. Gordon, daughter of Cyrus and Olive (Jesseman) Gordon. Mrs. Derby's mother was born in Dorchester, N. H., and was a daughter of George and Phebe (Jewell) Jesseman. George Jesseman, a farmer, was one of the early residents of Lisbon, N. H., his father being one of the original settlers; he was of Scotch origin.

Cyrus Gordon, our subject's father-in-law, was born in Henniker, N. H., March 4, 1810; he was the eldest of twelve children born to his parents, eleven of whom attained an age of maturity and married. He was a son of David and Mary (Hoyt) Gordon; David Gordon was a farmer of Henniker, N. H.; his father, Jonathan, came from England and is said to have been a Quaker. The next generation, however, were Methodists. When ten years old, Cyrus Gordon was deprived by death of his father; a guardian was



appointed, and Cyrus was bound out for six years in the town of Deering to James Wilkins, living in that town till he was twenty-one. He then came to Dorchester, N. H., to visit the oldest of his brothers, and remained one year working for him. Returning to Deering, he worked six months with John Grimes, whose father was the original of the well-known verses, beginning, "Old Grimes is dead, that good old man, we ne'er shall see him more," etc. Cyrus worked out till he was twenty-six, and upon his marriage, Sept. 1, 1836, settled down to farming for himself. The brother, for whom he had worked in Dorchester, had studied medicine, and in 1836 went to Maine to practice; he sold Cyrus his farm, which had already been paid for in this way. When Cyrus was twenty-one he had \$100.00, which he loaned his brother; afterwards he worked for him six years and let the money coming to him accumulate, taking his brother's note for the various amounts, and thus had enough money coming to him to buy the farm. He remained on the farm in Dorchester and cultivated the land and raised stock until 1869, when he came to the present farm of 200 acres, which our subject, Mr. Derby, manages. They have a flock of sheep, and operate a dairy, milking four to six cows. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon four children: Laura A., who married Samuel F. Ball, whose sketch is contained in this volume; Ruhama E., the wife of our subject; Asa F., who died in the army at Brazier City, La.; and Sarah A., who died in her nineteenth year.

John H. Derby and two brothers were in the Union Army in the late war. He enlisted Oct 7, 1862, in Co. A. 16th Reg., N. H. Vol. Inf., for nine months and served over one year under Gen. Banks at Port Hudson. He was in the first Red River expedition. When his term of service was finished he returned home by way of Cairo, and Chicago, Ill., Buffalo, N. Y., and Worcester, Mass. He was discharged Aug. 20, 1863, with the rank of a corporal. Mr. Derby was a member of the Harriman Guards, in which he was first lieutenant, his commission dating from Aug. 24, 1865, to Jan. 8, 1870. Mr. Derby has been appointed by the court as guardian for several minor children, and has been most attentive and careful of their interests. He is a member of

Morning Star Grange, No. 62, of Lyme. He is a Republican, but the sole political office he has held has been that of representative, being elected for the term of 1893-94. Mr. Derby and wife are members of the Baptist Church of Lyme Center, in which church Mr. Derby is a deacon. Three children make up their family: Sarah Lillian, Ira H., and Arthur E. Our subject's daughter has taught in the schools for twenty-one terms, and is now attending Radcliffe Female Seminary, the annex of Harvard, having entered in 1896. Ira H. is also a student at Harvard, having entered in 1895. They are both graduates of the New London High School. The younger son, Arthur E., lives at home.

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LEWIS S. DERBY, a farmer who owns and operates a fine farm, mostly given up to dairying, at the foot of Bear Mountain, in the south part of Lyme, N. H., was born in Lyme, Oct. 20, 1837. He is a son of William H. and Hannah M. (Avery) Derby.

William H. Derby was a son of Jedediah Derby and Hannah Grant; he was born in Lyme and made it his home through life. He was occupied in farming principally; he also worked some at his trade of a stone-mason, helping to lay the piers for the bridge over the Connecticut River at Thetford. His wife was a daughter of Deacon Avery of Orford, a carpenter by trade. William H. Derby and his wife were both members of the Congregational Church. Their union was blessed with five children: John H., who lives in the town of Lyme; David L., a resident of Bradford, Vt.; Lewis S.; Frank J., died from the effects of army life March 10, 1863; and Amanda M., who married Web Chase of Bentonville, Ark.

When our subject was but nine years old his father was stricken with blindness, and the children were forced to scatter and do for themselves; Lewis worked for his board, clothes, and schooling for five years, and little of either did he get; only occasionally did he obtain an opportunity to visit home in all those years. As soon as the three older boys became old enough to earn wages they provided for their parents. The father died at our subject's home at the age of

fifty-six; the mother fell into that last calm sleep which knows no waking this side of the grave at the home of her eldest son, John, aged sixty-eight.

After the age of fourteen, Lewis received wages for his labor; two years were spent on the farm of Amos Bailey, which adjoined the one now owned by himself; through the winter he went to school. The following summer he worked for Dan Storrs, and attended school from home in the winter; the next three seasons he was employed by John Clafin, attending school the first two winters from home and working in a logging swamp in Canaan the last winter. He then worked for Nathaniel Hurlbutt in Hanover a season. His marriage occurred at this time, and he came to his present farm, where he has lived ever since with the exception of three years, which he spent in Manchester, N. H., where he was employed by the railroad as freight accountant. The farm on which he resides was left him by his first wife; it consists of about 300 acres. He makes dairying the principal industry, and milks on the average about ten cows. Sheep raising used to be very profitable, and he kept as many as 150 at one time.

He was united to his first wife in 1858; she was Mrs. Merriam S. (Pusher) Miller, a daughter of David and Amy (Carpenter) Pusher. His second marriage occurred in Lyme, Sept. 27, 1887, to Miss Annie M. Smith, daughter of Alonzo A. and Julia A. (Heath) Smith, the latter a daughter of David Heath. Alonzo Smith was a son of Elias and Matilda (Styles) Smith. Mrs. Derby's great-grandfather, Smith, lived to the age of ninety-four, and his wife to the age of eighty-seven; her grandmother Styles was nearly one hundred years old at the time of her death. Elias Smith, Mrs. Derby's grandfather, sailed in a privateer during the war of 1812, and used to amuse his grandchildren by drawing for them pictures of ships. Alonzo Smith served in the late Rebellion. Mr. and Mrs. Derby's union has been blessed with two children: Clinton H., born Nov. 22, 1888; and Mary M., May 5, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Derby are members of the Morning Star Grange, No. 62, of Lyme Plains. They are also members of the Baptist Church of Lyme Center. Mr. Derby is a Republican, and has served as road surveyor many times, and also on the school com-

mittee; he has been town supervisor since 1890. He is spoken of as a man worthy of the highest esteem and regard; his life has been a hard struggle, especially in his younger years, and he has come out of it endowed with those qualities that compel men's admiration, pluck, and perseverance.

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FRED E. THORPE, superintendent of the Parker-Young Co. of Lisbon, N. H., has been a resident of that town for the past ten years. He is a son of William Thorpe and a grandson of Abraham Thorpe, who was the first representative of his branch of the family to settle in this country. He was born in England, where he was reared and educated, and learned the tailor's trade; after coming to the United States he located in New York, later in Ware, N. H., where he became engaged in the manufacture of clothing for Boston and New York parties. His death took place in his eighty-fifth year. He married, and reared three children, namely: Isaac, William, and Joseph.

William Thorpe was born in England and emigrated to this country with his parents; he learned his father's trade, and was associated with him in business until the war broke out, and the call for volunteers was heard. Laying aside his business with but one thought, to do his duty for the country he loved, he enlisted in Co. G., 16th Reg., N. H. Vol. He had served his time and was on his way home from the front when he was taken sick and died at Cairo, Ill., aged forty-two years. His wife was Almira Danforth, daughter of Jonathan Danforth of Hillsboro, N. H. There were born to them five children: Frank, Emma (Durrell), Ella (Kessler), Clara (Wyatt), and Fred E., our subject.

Fred E. Thorpe was born in Boston, Mass., April 5, 1852, and because of his father's death, when our subject was a young boy, he was forced to begin the struggle of life at an early age. When eighteen years old he learned the trade of a tinsmith, and followed it in Tilton, N. H., until 1884, when he became interested in the lumber business at Warren, N. H., still retaining, however, his residence at Tilton. He was in business in Warren three years, leaving there to accept a position in Lisbon as superintendent of the



Parker-Young Manufacturing Co.; he is still that company's trusted and most efficient employee, a heavy stockholder in the company, and is a much-respected citizen of the town.

In 1877 Mr. Thorpe was joined in wedlock to Adela Durrell, daughter of John Durrell of Gilmanton, N. H., and has two children: J. Le Roy and Burton D. He is a Republican, a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 64, I. O. O. F., Doric Lodge, No. 78, F. & A. M., of Tilton, N. H.; Franklin Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M., of Lisbon, N. H. He also belongs to the A. O. U. W. of Laconia, N. H.

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SIMON WARD, a respected farmer of the town of Hanover, N. H., is engaged at his vocation on his farm, which is situated in the southeastern corner of the town, bordering on four towns. He was born on an adjoining farm Aug. 28, 1843, and is a son of Simon and Hannah (Walker) Ward.

Simon Ward, Sr., was a farmer most of his life; he was a soldier of the Revolution and lived to the very advanced age of ninety-six years. He was twice joined in wedlock; his first wife, Mehitabel Foster, dying, leaving two children, he married Chloe Thorp, who bore him a large family of children, among whom was Simon Ward, the father of the Simon Ward of this sketch.

Our subject's father was born in Hanover in a house now demolished that was located on Ruddsborough Road. His wife, Hannah Walker, was born on the same farm as our subject, and was a daughter of Richard and Catherine (Trickey) Walker, both of whom lived to be eighty years of age. Catherine's father, Samuel Trickey, was a soldier of the Revolution and lived through that struggle and reached the age of ninety years. Richard Walker was numbered among Hanover's superior farmers most of his life.

Simon Ward, the subject of this personal history, was reared in the town of Lebanon, in East Lebanon, from the time he was six years until he was twenty-one, attending the schools of East Lebanon until he was twenty. For a time after the completion of his education he worked in East Lebanon. At this time in his

life the Civil War was raging and the cry was for more troops to put down the rebellion. In September, 1864, in response to the oft-reiterated call, Mr. Ward enlisted in Co. B., 18th Reg., N. H. Vol. Inf., and was stationed at Fort Steadman; most of the service seen by the regiment of which he was a member was in Virginia; our subject participated in the last eight days fighting at the siege of Petersburg. He was mustered out and discharged June 27, 1865, at Concord, N. H.

Shortly after his return to East Lebanon he purchased his present fine estate of 300 acres, situated on the west slope of the southern extremity of Moose Mountain; from his door-yard Mr. Ward enjoys a most charming view of mountain scenery and a glimpse of Mascoma Lake. Much of his time and attention is devoted to the care of his dairy, which comprises about twenty cows; the product is disposed of to the creamery at East Lebanon. He has a very fine orchard of 175 trees and a large sugar grove high up on the mountain side.

Our subject was united in the bonds of Hymen June 1, 1870, the bride being Emma Eliza Hoyt; Mrs. Ward's parentage dates far back into Colonial days. She is a daughter of Horace F. and Emily C. (Hardy) Hoyt, who were born in Newport, Vt., and Hebron, N. H., respectively.

Mrs. Ward's mother was reared in Lebanon, where her parents, Daniel and Betsey (Packard) Hardy, moved when she was a small child. Betsey was a daughter of Asil Packard, one of the first pioneer settlers of Lebanon. Daniel Hardy was from Hopkinton, N. H., and by his own unaided efforts he raised himself from poverty to affluence and wealth. When a boy, so eager was he for learning and for taking advantage of what small opportunities for schooling that came his way, that he would employ the winter evenings studying by the light of the log fire in the great fire-place, working his sums in arithmetic on a board with a piece of charcoal. He was an extensive dealer in live stock, and a landed proprietor of many acres; at one time he kept a store. He was the father of fifteen children, of whom ten grew up to manhood and womanhood.

Mrs. Ward's father, Horace F. Hoyt, was born at Newport, N. H.; his parents were Joseph and Mary (Patterson) Hoyt. Mary Patterson was a daughter of William Patterson, whose birth oc-



curred Nov. 11, 1799; he was a grandson of Peter Patterson of Londonderry, Ireland, who emigrated to this country, settling in Londonderry, N. H., in 1637. Soon after his arrival he married Grisey Wilson, whose grandfather had taken part in the siege of Londonderry, Ireland; this occurrence in the life of Peter Patterson's father-in-law probably gave the name of the Irish city to their home in New Hampshire. There were born to Peter and Grisey (Wilson) Patterson three sons, the second of whom, Thomas by name, married Elizabeth Wallace, daughter of James and Mary (Wilson) Wallace. Mary (Wilson) Wallace was born under romantic circumstances on a ship in mid-ocean. The vessel in which her parents came to this country was captured by a pirate, and while a prisoner, her mother prematurely gave birth to her. In a capricious moment the pirate captain offered to release both the crew and the passengers provided the child should be named Mary. The parents assenting, he became her god-father and presented her with jewelry, and a piece of brocaded silk, which afterwards was fashioned into her wedding gown. It is also somewhat of a coincidence that the wife of William Patterson and mother of Mary Patterson (Hoyt) was also born on board a ship in the ocean. The great-great-grandfather of Peter Patterson, John Patterson, was a man of wealth and prominence; he moved from Scotland to County Antrim, Ireland, about 1600, and purchased a large landed estate (leasehold) of Lord Antrim, who became distinguished in the War of the Stuarts. A cousin of Mrs. Ward's father, Senator Patterson, rose to a prominent position in the national life of our country.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ward, as follows: Carrie Frances, the wife of Allen G. Freeman of Lebanon; Mabel Florence, the wife of Orra Herbert Hoyt of East Lebanon; and Josie May, who died in early childhood. Both our subject and his wife are members of the M. E. Church of Enfield. Mr. Ward is a member of Farragut Post, No. 52, G. A. R., of Enfield, and has filled all its official chairs and has been for two years commander, and adjutant for four years. Mrs. Ward is a member of the Women's Relief Corps. In her young womanhood she was a school teacher and presided at the desk for fifteen terms in various localities in

New Hampshire and Vermont. Mr. Ward is also a member of the Sons of the Revolution, by right of two grandfathers and a great-grandfather on his mother's side. Our subject belongs to the organization of Odd Fellows, being a member of the Good Samaritan Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 75, of Hanover, N. H.; he is also a member of Grafton Star Grange, No. 60, of Hanover. In politics, Mr. Ward is a Republican, and has served as selectman seven consecutive years; he has officiated in many other minor official capacities. Mr. Ward has never had any cause to bemoan lack of friends, for his genial, good-nature attracts all, who love to see a man make the most of life, and his many excellent traits of character that make him a loving husband, a kind neighbor, and a high-minded, honorable citizen, bind his admirers to him with adamantine bonds.

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WILLIAM S. NELSON, a member of the Moore Peg Co. of Lisbon, N. H., was born in the town of Monroe, N. H., June 6, 1861. He is a son of Edwin and Phoebe (Gibson) Nelson, and grandson of John and Harriet (Kelsea) Nelson. John Nelson, who was born in Lyman, Oct. 16, 1801, was a grandson of the first bearer of the Nelson name, who settled in America—William Nelson, who came from Scotland in 1792 and settled in Ryegate, Vt.

John Nelson followed agricultural pursuits all of his life in Lyman, now Monroe, where he owned and managed a large farm. Jan. 15, 1823, he married Harriet Kelsea, who was born Aug. 8, 1803, and to them were born the following seven children: William C., born March 2, 1824; George, July 24, 1826; Eliza, Nov. 30, 1828; John M., June 5, 1833; Edwin, Sept. 1, 1836; Almon, July 7, 1840; and Henry C., Sept. 21, 1844. All have passed to the great beyond with the exception of Edwin, the father of our subject, and Henry C. John Nelson was a firm Democrat and a member of the M. E. Church of North Monroe.

Edwin Nelson was born in the town of Lyman, now Monroe, and received his education there, and has lived there and in Lyman proper nearly all of his life, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He owns a farm of about 100 acres,





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which he devotes to general farming. He is a thorough Democrat in his political allegiance. On Aug. 26, 1860, he married Phoebe Gibson, who was born Feb. 23, 1842; she was a daughter of Samuel and Mercia (Hoskins) Gibson, both natives of Lyman. As a result of their union our subject's parents gathered about them the following family circle of four children: William S., born June 6, 1861; Albert J., April 19, 1865, now deceased; Frank K., Jan. 21, 1870; and George E., Jan. 14, 1872, now deceased. Mrs. Nelson died in 1877.

William S. Nelson was educated in the schools of the town of Monroe, and also in the town of Lisbon, N. H. His first employment was in a peg factory, and in that connection in various capacities he has continued to the present day. He commenced work in 1879 at the bottom of the ladder and became foreman of the mill in 1885; in 1890 he became one of the firm of the Moore Peg Co.; and in 1896 he took an extended business trip in the interest of the company to Europe. It may well be mentioned here in this connection that there are but four mills in America where shoe pegs are manufactured for the trade, and they are devoted almost exclusively to the trade in foreign countries. Mr. Nelson is a Republican in politics.

July 3, 1886, he was joined in marriage with Genevieve Moore, who was born Nov. 10, 1856, and was a daughter of Ovid D. and Harriet (Howland) Moore of Lisbon, N. H. Mrs. Nelson died May 11, 1894. In his religious views Mr. Nelson is inclined to be liberal.

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HON. WILLIAM HUSE CUMMINGS, deceased, whose portrait we show on the opposite page, was born in New Hampton, N. H., Jan. 10, 1817. His father, Joseph Cummings, was a member of the old Cummings family of Dunstable, and his mother, Mary Huse of Sanborn-ton, was descended from Hannah Dustin, whose heroism, when taken captive by a party of Indians in the early days of the colony, has been handed down to the present day as a remarkable instance of fortitude and presence of mind, under circumstances of great trial and danger. William was the second son in a family of five boys and two girls. His father was a farmer, and could give

his children only the advantages then afforded by the district school in the way of an education. But those advantages, such as they were, aided by a habit of reading and study, cultivated and exercised in all the after years of his life, supplemented the activity of a mind, by nature keen and comprehensive; a retentive memory added to the store of information gathered in his long and varied experience.

At the age of seventeen he left the shelter of the paternal roof and entered the store of Major Ebenezer Kimball in New Chester. Few young men of the present day would consent to receive so small a salary as thirty-five dollars and board the first year; but to the habits of prudence, economy, and thrift thus acquired, Mr. Cummings could trace much of his subsequent success. Little time was given him for dissipation or waste of money and talents, and an incident in his life at that time illustrates the practical common sense with which he regulated his conduct. He was invited with other young men of his acquaintance to attend a ball on a certain evening. As a matter of curiosity he determined to calculate the cost of attending the party at compound interest from that day until his sixtieth birthday. The amount was so large that he then and there resolved to renounce this form of amusement for himself, and throughout his life his recreations continued to be always of a simple and healthful character.

In 1837, Mr. Cummings purchased the business, in which for three years he had assisted as clerk, and at the youthful age of twenty started in trade for himself. After two years he went to Lisbon and remained a year in the employ of the firm of Allen & Cummings, going from there to Haverhill and entering into partnership with John L. Rix, with whom he was associated for five years. He then conducted the business alone for three years, and in 1849 disposed of his interests in Haverhill and returned to Lisbon, where for over forty years he was prominently identified with the business and public affairs of the village. He became a member of the firm of Allen, Cummings & Co., and engaged in merchandising, lumbering, banking, and manufacturing until 1875, when he retired from active business.

In 1843 Mr. Cummings was married to Miss Harriet Sprague Rand, daughter of Hamlin

Rand, who was a leading business man in the early days of Lisbon and a large real estate owner. Mr. Cummings purchased of the Rand estate an extensive piece of property on the eastern side of the Ammonoosuc River, and upon the hill overlooking the village built, in 1853, the house he ever after occupied, developing from a rough pasture, by liberal expenditure of time, money, and labor, one of the most beautiful home surroundings in the vicinity. Throughout his life he dealt largely in real estate, and while laying the foundation for his own financial success, he aided many a hard-working man to gain a home by selling him a house and land, and allowing the purchase money to be paid in small installments at stated intervals. From fifty to sixty houses passed through his hands in this way, and the growth of the town was greatly helped by his efforts in this and other directions.

Mr. Cummings was ever an active political force in Lisbon, representing the town in the Legislature of 1856 and 1883, and serving as Senator in 1877 and 1878, when he was mainly instrumental in the passage of the present supervisor law. Uncompromising in his allegiance to Democratic principles, he was always prominent in the councils of that party; as a legislator, he ranked among the leaders and exerted a powerful influence among his associates in both branches of the Legislature. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention that met in St. Louis in 1876, and nominated Samuel J. Tilden of New York for the Presidency.

Until the later years of his life our subject was interested in the Masonic fraternity. One of the organizers, promoters, and charter members of Kane Lodge, and for twenty-six years an active member of the Franklin Chapter, he held all the offices of these organizations. He was also one of the original members of St Girard Commandery, Knights Templar, of Littleton.

For over eighteen years Mr. Cummings was president of the Wells River, Vt., National Bank, serving its interests with the utmost care and fidelity. To his conservative action and skillful financiering the bank owed much of its prosperity during the years in which he was connected with its management.

No worthy public enterprise ever appealed to him in vain for aid, and his liberal contributions toward whatever would best develop the re-

sources and increase the growth of the town in which he lived were an incentive to other men to help in all measures for public improvement. The fine school-house, erected in 1890, may be regarded as a monument to his forethought and far-reaching plans for the welfare of the village, as it was his earnest advocacy of the measure in the public meeting, called for the discussion of the question, that formed the nucleus of the decisive influence which induced the citizens of the district to pass a satisfactory final vote.

No man in the community was ever made the object of more appeals by all classes for material assistance, advice, and encouragement than was our subject. His office was always open to those who sought his counsel, and many a burdened man or woman, struggling with the problems of debt and the support of a family, carried to him their stories of want and anxiety, certain of a kindly interest, a sympathetic word, and oftentimes timely aid, which would render them his grateful friends through life. Always quiet and unostentatious in his beneficence, not until his death was it revealed how many had looked upon him as their best helper and strongest defender.

In 1878 the Congregational Church of Lisbon was organized and Mr. Cummings was until his death active in promoting the interests of the society. He was treasurer and chairman of the board of trustees for over twelve years; always chairman of the church business meetings, he presided with such simple dignity that any decision on his part carried with it so much sound judgment and good sense, that it put an end to all controversy. In the words of one of his pastors, "His moral support of the church was greater than his material support; his attendance on the means of grace was constant and inspiring." Two years and a half after his death his family presented to the church a pipe organ as a memorial to one who had been so closely identified with its formation and growth.

Mr. Cummings died on July 15, 1891, after a year and a half of failing health, and is survived by his wife and two daughters, Harriet Sprague (Mrs. O. P. Newcomb) and Mary Rand. His only son, William Edward, died in 1867, aged twenty-one. Mr. Cummings's funeral was held in the Congregational Church, and the large throng who were present testified by their presence and evident sorrow the esteem in which he



was held by the community. He was a man of strong force of character, indomitable will, and strength of purpose. Keen in his perceptions, he was a good student of human nature, and rarely deceived in his judgment of men. Always courteous and genial in his social intercourse, he won many friends, while upon the town in which he spent the greater part of his life he left an indelible impression of his business energy and integrity. Mentally and morally, he was an excellent representative of the best elements of New England character, and he has left the precious heritage of a noble life, and that good name which is "rather to be chosen than great riches."

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**JOSIAH WHEET.** Among the model and progressive farmers of the town of Groton, N. H., is none more worthy of an honorable place than the gentleman whose name heads this short memoir. He was born in the town of Groton, Grafton Co., N. H., Jan. 23, 1838, and is a son of Col. Joshua R. and Huldah (Kidder) Wheet, and a grandson of Josiah and Hannah (Reed) Wheet.

Josiah Wheet was born in Hollis, in 1761, and in 1794 came to the town of Groton, Grafton Co., where he bought the farm, where Mr. Judd lives at present; it is located in the very best farming district, and its possession has always been a matter of pride to its owners. A small portion was already cleared, and Josiah Wheet very nearly completed the clearing, putting the farm under the best of cultivation. His first wife was Sarah Hayes, who was stricken with a severe sickness and died in the prime of her life, leaving two sons and four daughters, as follows: Sarah, Hannah, Ruth, Lois, Josiah, and Thomas. He married as his second wife, Hannah Reed; she was born in Hollis, and died at the age of eighty-eight years. She presented Mr. Wheet with four children: Capt. Joseph, Betsey, Lucy, and Col. Joshua R.

Col. Joshua R. Wheet, whose military title was derived from his position in State militia, our subject's father, was born in Groton, N. H., March 23, 1807, and married Aug. 25, 1830, Huldah, daughter of John and Lois (Buell) Kidder. He learned the carpenter's and cooper's trades

and followed those avocations in great part throughout life. The homestead became his by inheritance, and he accordingly devoted much of his time to its proper cultivation and care. He was a man of thrift and enterprise and highly esteemed as one of the town's most valuable and devoted citizens. In public affairs he held a spirited interest, and never waited for anyone else to take the lead. He was a Democrat and held all the town offices: representative in the State Legislature in 1850-51; several years as moderator, as town clerk, and in other town offices. In his religious views he was a Universalist. He died at the age of seventy-three; his wife, the patient companion in joy and in sorrow, was called to her heavenly home at the age of seventy-nine.

They reared and educated the following children: Caroline B., born in 1832; Sarah A., 1834; Sylvester, 1836; Josiah, the subject of this sketch; John C., 1840, a practicing physician and surgeon; H. Angeline, 1843; Alonzo W. was taken back to the One on high, who gave him, when an infant; and Mary A., 1854.

The subject of this sketch received a liberal and broad education in the district schools, and in the Franklin and Warren academies. After completing his course in the academy he went to North Andover, Mass., and worked in Davis & Ferber's machine shop, where they produced woolen looms and other allied machinery. He remained in the shop for about thirteen years, and was then interested in the drug business for one year. The following two years were spent in a Lowell machine shop, returning to Davis & Ferber and working for them until 1875, when he retired to farm life, caring for his wife's parents and managing the farm; upon the death of Mr. and Mrs. Southwick he came into full possession of the property.

He married Hannah W. Southwick in 1863; she was the daughter of Isaac D. Southwick. After presenting her husband with the following children Mrs. Wheet died at the age of thirty-seven, in 1879. The children were: Frank E., who died at the age of six months; Fred E., born Nov. 11, 1868, married Hattie P. James, by whom he has two children, Frances and Mildred, and is a practicing physician and surgeon at Stevens' Point, Wis.; Isaac N., died at the age of sixteen months; Albert S. died at the age of



four years; Harvey A., born Feb. 6, 1877, lives at home. Our subject married as his second wife Abbie A., daughter of Andrew J. and Abbie C. (Heath) McClure, of Plymouth, N. H., and has three children as the result of the second union. The record is as follows: Ava H., born July 19, 1882; Lee H., Sept. 1, 1890; and Verne J., Jan. 15, 1895. Mr. Wheet has been a thorough-going Democrat and has held various of the minor offices of the town; he was four years on the school board, two years of which he was chairman of the same. Both our subject and wife are staid and consistent members of the Universalist Church. He is a member of the Monadnock Lodge, No. 145, I. O. O. F., and Kearsarge Encampment of Lawrence, Mass.

In his farming, a studied system and a careful attention to details have done much to give him his present high standing in the farming community. A choice dairy claims no small amount of his time and attention, and amply repays him for all his trouble. A careful survey of his premises reveal an exceptionally prosperous and well-kept appearance, such as is only met with at rare intervals.

In 1896 he was the Democratic candidate for representative to the Legislature, but owing to the Democrats being divided on the money question he failed of an election by a few votes.

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HARRY M. CHENEY, business manager and associate editor of the Granite State Free Press of Lebanon, N. H., was born in Newport, N. H., March 8, 1860, and is a son of Elias H. and Susan W. (Youngman) Cheney, and a grandson of Moses and Abigail (Morrison) Cheney.

Elias H. Cheney was born in Ashland, then Holderness, Jan. 28, 1832, and was the fifth son and the ninth of eleven children that composed his father's family. His father was a paper-maker by occupation; he removed from Holderness to Peterborough in 1835, going into partnership there with Abraham P. Morrison, his wife's brother. Elias H. acquired a fair common school education between the ages of eight and thirteen, when not engaged in the mill "laying off" paper. In 1845 his father removed to Holderness, where Elias attended the spring and fall

terms of the high school; the intervals were spent in his father's mill. As he grew older his work in the mill became more and more varied until there was no line of work in a paper mill that he could not and did not do. Two terms at New Hampton Academy and a year at Phillips Exeter Academy completed his school days.

His first venture in the newspaper business was in the Peterborough Transcript, which he finally bought and operated at the age of twenty-one. His zeal in the temperance cause soon tempted him to leave a good business and to remove to Concord to undertake the publication of the New Hampshire Phoenix, a temperance organ. The venture resulted in a disastrous financial embarrassment, which clouded his early life and forced him to relinquish his paper in 1856 and to engage as job foreman of the New Hampshire Sentinel at Keene. In 1859 he became foreman and business manager of the Sullivan Republican at Newport, of which the late Judge W. H. H. Allen was editor.

In 1861, just after the battle of Bull Run, he arrived in Lebanon to take charge of the Granite State Free Press, which he had purchased of Hon. George S. Towle. Through the long and doubtful struggle of the war for the Union he worked incessantly composing and setting up editorials in type at the same time; by the hardest kind of work he managed to prolong the life of his paper until better times came to his aid, his being the only paper in Grafton Co. which survived that trying period. For the past six years his son, H. M. Cheney, the subject of this sketch, has been associated with him. He represented Lebanon in the State Legislature of 1867 and 1868, and his district as Senator in 1885. In January, 1892, he was appointed United States consul at Matanzas, Cuba; this necessitated a knowledge of Spanish, which he soon acquired, and is now quite a Spanish student, having completed the reading of Don Quixote in the original.

His wife was the daughter of Willard and Jane (Little) Youngman of Peterborough, N. H. Of the four children born to them, Fred W., born May 19, 1853, is the eldest; he is at present assistant secretary of the Capital Fire Insurance Co. at Concord. He was engaged for quite a period in newspaper work, graduated at Colby Academy in 1874, had charge of the Granite

State Free Press from 1876 to 1880, during which time his father was recuperating his health. He also established in 1881 and operated for seven years the Republican Champion, a weekly paper of Newport; while a resident of Newport he was captain in the State militia, and chairman of the school board and represented the town in the Legislature of 1889. He became a master of military tactics, and in 1891 was appointed by Governor Tuttle Inspector-General of the National Guard of New Hampshire, but declined on account of ill health. He married Cora M. Mead of Concord, and has one child, Morton M.

Harry M., the second son, is the subject of this sketch. Susan, born in 1864, died in infancy. Helen G., born Nov. 5, 1865, married G. H. Kelley of Lebanon and has two children, Robert C. and Richard H. Elias H. Cheney is a Mason, belonging to Franklin Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M., since 1864, and holding a membership in Mascoma Lodge, I. O. O. F., since 1866. He is a Baptist in religious belief.

Our subject was but one year and six months of age when his father moved to Lebanon, and accordingly received his early education in the town of his present residence. When fifteen years old he went into his father's office and served a regular apprenticeship at the printer's trade. In 1878 he entered Colby Academy, from which he graduated in 1882; he then entered Bates College, at Lewiston, Me., where he graduated in 1886. He then assisted his brother in Newport in the publication of the Republican Champion for a short time till his father's failing health brought him back to Lebanon to assist him in the publication of the Free Press. He has been manager and associate editor ever since. He has been very active in advancing the commercial interests of Lebanon and has been one of the important factors in the recent development of that town. In politics, he is a stanch Republican and represented the town in the Legislatures of 1893 and 1895, and was the nominee in the election of 1896 for State Senator and was triumphantly elected, as the district is strongly Republican. He is also engaged in the life, fire, and accidental insurance business.

Mr. Cheney is a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M., serving as its Master for four years. During this period the

lodge, in 1896, celebrated its 100th anniversary, to the ceremonies of which Mr. Cheney contributed a very fitting and appropriate address. He is a member of St. Andrews Chapter, No. 1; Washington Council, No. 10; Sullivan Commandery, No. 6, K. T., of Claremont. He is also a member of Mascoma Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F. In religious belief he is a Unitarian. Our subject married on the 19th of December, 1893, Miss Mary E., daughter of Hiram A. and Emeline (Gates) Vose. He has one child, Esther, born April 3, 1896.

GEORGE S. ROGERS, prominent among the leading business men of the county, and one to whom many of the important manufacturing interests owe their success, is the subject of this sketch. Mr. Rogers is a member of the firm of Carter & Rogers, woolen manufacturers of Lebanon, N. H. He is skilled in all the technical points that are of such value in the manufacture of wool into its different products. He is a stockholder, treasurer, and manager of the Everett Knitting Mills, and also treasurer and manager of the Riverside Woolen Co., both concerns of Lebanon, N. H.

Mr. Rogers was born in Plymouth, N. H., July 24, 1844, and is a son of Stephen G. and Lavina (Tookby) Rogers. Our subject's father was born in Plymouth, and was descended from one of the early families of that part of the county. Early in life he went to Thetford, Vt., and entered upon the manufacture of paper, varying in quality from straw-board to fine writing paper. After a long period spent in this branch of the manufacturing arts he gave it up and began the manufacture of woolen fabrics; he was stricken down by typhoid fever in his sixty-fourth year, while still engaged actively at this industry. His wife died in 1854, at about forty years of age, leaving two children to mourn her loss: George S., the subject of this sketch, and Alfred R., who resides at Thetford, Vt. Stephen G. Rogers was a Whig and later on a Republican in politics; he always refused to hold any office, because of lack of time to properly attend to the duties that would have devolved upon him. He always did whatever in his power to advance the interests and aid in the progress



and development of the town, and could never be accused of selfish devotion to his own interests to the exclusion of matters of public interest.

George S. Rogers attended the public schools of Thetford, Vt., and at the age of eighteen was taken as a partner in his father's business, where he was taught not only all the essential points concerning the manufacture of woolens, but also the careful, methodical habits and principles that go so far to form a prosperous business man. This training received from his father was of the best and accomplished what was intended, by making him a man of sound judgment and successful in all the projects he has undertaken. After his father's death A. D. Carter of Lowell, Mass., bought an interest, and in 1883 the firm, under the name of Carter & Rogers, moved its plant to Ashland, N. H., and carried on the manufacture of woolen cloth of various qualities for five years. They then came to Lebanon and bought out the mills of the Lebanon Woolen Co.; all the buildings were burned in 1887. Our subject and his partner at once rebuilt a large factory, 170x50, of brick and wood, with two stories and a basement, making it one of the finest of the factories of Lebanon. The newest and most improved of modern machinery was introduced, so that the mill is now equipped in the very best fashion; about 100 hands find a profitable employment. The entire product is shipped intact to the commission house in New York City.

Our subject has taken more than an ordinary interest in Lebanon since his residence there, and many of the late improvements of the village have been made possible by his enterprise and hearty support. He is valued and respected in the business circles as a man of push and energy and of the strictest probity. He is one of the trustees of the Lebanon Savings Bank. Although a stanch Republican, he has until recently refused to run for any office; in the last campaign of 1896, he was elected representative. He owns quite considerable real estate; in addition to his several tenements, which he rents, he owns a beautiful home on Green Street; the house is perhaps best known as the O. Mutchmore place; he has enlarged and improved it in the most artistic and beautiful fashion. His wife is Mary Angeline, daughter of Nathaniel Davis of Thetford, Vt.

NEWELL C. WRIGHT, traveling salesman for the North Haverhill Granite Co., with home in North Haverhill, was born in North Benton, N. H., Nov. 22, 1852. He is a son of Gilbert P. and Phoebe (Marston) Wright and grandson of Abijah Wright, who was a son of the first doctor that ever rode into Haverhill, coming by means of horseback and blazing the trees as he proceeded through the unbroken forests in order that he might be able to retrace his way if he lost his bearings. This doctor was one of three brothers, who came from England, one of whom settled in Massachusetts, one in the west, and one in New Hampshire.

Gilbert P. Wright was born in Hebron, July 20, 1815. He was a farmer by occupation and owned several farms, aggregating 300 or 400 acres, besides about the same amount in timber land. He was also interested in lumbering, owning as he did so much timber and a saw-mill for its preparation. He was a captain in the State militia for a time. As selectman he served his town for many years, at one period being continued in office for seven successive elections; a very flattering offer of a nomination as representative met his steadfast refusal. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. His wife, Phoebe Marston, was a daughter of Jonathan and Phoebe (Howe) Marston. Jonathan Marston was a farmer and one of the earliest settlers in the town. Availing himself of the splendid opportunities afforded by the abundance of game he became a trapper and a bear hunter with the unequalled reputation of having killed more ursuline brutes than any other man in the country. Reckless and with little fear of wild animals, he had many narrow escapes; he was kept in a tree by a bear one night and the problem of how to extricate himself from his unpleasant surroundings was only solved by the timely arrival of a searching party, which had formed because of his long absence from home and had started out to find him dead or alive.

Our subject's youthful years were spent at home, attending school in the winter season until fourteen years of age, with two subsequent terms at Bradford, Vt., and working on the farm in the summer time. When nineteen years and five months old he bought the remaining years of his minority from his father for \$200 and taught school for the first winter; in the spring, having







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purchased 100 acres, he began farming, settling down as a family man, for he married his wife when twenty years old. After one year he sold the farm and bought a farm in East Haverhill of 100 acres and lived there eleven years. Because of his ill health he sold his farm and went west to Le Roy, Minn., and Hitchcock, Dakota. Mr. Wright bought a wholesale produce and commission business in Boston upon his return east, benefited in health and conducted it with marked success for two years. He then disposed of his commission business and bought a mercantile estate in North Haverhill, and after two years took his brother into partnership. This arrangement continued for six years until October, 1895, when he sold his interest in the stock and leased the building. He had previously bought stock in the Granite Co. and is now on the road as its traveling salesman; he assists in the management of the company as one of its directors.

Mr. Wright married Dec. 25, 1872, at North Haverhill, Miss Mary Jane Jeffers, daughter of John and Mary (Heywood) Jeffers; to the parents of Mr. Wright were born eight boys and three girls, of whom our subject was the sixth son. Both our subject and his wife are members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Wright is a member of the following secret orders: Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F.; S. S. Davis Lodge, No. 19, K. of P., of Haverhill; Rebecca Lodge, No. 4; Canton Albin of the Uniformed Rank; Camp of the Patriarchs Militant of Littleton; and Pink Granite Grange, No. 210, of North Haverhill.

In politics our subject is a prominent Democrat and wields his wide influence in behalf of the party of his choice. He took an active part on the stump in the last National campaign, his services being in great demand for rallies and political gatherings where the liveliest enthusiasm was at a premium. He has held the appointive office of justice since 1881, when he received his first commission as county justice, July 8, from Governor Charles H. Bell, which was renewed for five more years, July 8, 1886, by Governor Moody Currier. Governor Hiram A. Tuttle appointed him State justice June 23, 1891, and May 27, 1896, Governor Charles A. Buriel appointed him for five years more. The two latter appointments are recorded in Washington, D. C., with the clerk

of the United States Circuit Court; and empower Mr. Wright to do pension business, in which he has proved unusually successful. He secured one pension with \$3,300.00 back pay for a widow and one of \$3,700.00 for a man ninety-seven years old, which pension had been pending for many years with what seemed little chance of a successful termination until Mr. Wright took it up.

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DR. AL STEPHEN RUSSELL, the leading physician of the village of Rumney, was born in Lincoln, N. H., June 29, 1857, and is a son of Stephen and Eunice C. (Hanson) Russell, and a grandson of Stephen and Faithful (Jesseman) Russell.

Stephen Russell's father was of English descent, and served in the Revolution. Our subject's grandfather moved to Lincoln township to help in the construction of a road from that place to Franconia. In 1800 he was married to Faithful Jesseman, who was of Scotch parentage, and at once bought an extensive tract of unimproved land and erected on it a temporary structure for the shelter of his family and a cow. Much of the land he succeeded in clearing, and as his circumstances improved, he was soon enabled to build comfortable and roomy farm buildings, and as taverns were scarce, he ran a kind of primitive hotel for the accommodation of the traveling public, and the new settlers as they came into the new country. His farm was large enough to divide among his sons at his death, allowing each a good farm. Prominent, and a leader in the settlement, he was often chosen to places of trust, serving as representative a number of times, as a member of the school board, surveyor, selectman, and as town clerk. Eleven children were born to him and his wife, all of whom grew to maturity and married. Their names were: Roxanna, Thomas, Betsey, Sally, Lucy, Simeon, Nathan, Stephen, Jr., Arthur L., Mary S., and Lydia.

Stephen Russell, Jr., was born Feb. 9, 1818, in the town of Lincoln; he married Eunice Hanson, daughter of Permiah Hanson of Gilmanton, N. H.; she was born in Gilmanton, Aug. 12, 1829. After marriage he settled on a tract of land near the old homestead and cleared and



cultivated it; he is still living there with his wife, enjoying a beautiful old age. Because of injuries he received from a kick of a horse when a youth he was never able to engage so extensively in farming as his father. Eight children were born to them, and all were christened with names beginning with A. Following is the family record: Alvira, born Oct. 20, 1849; Alice, July 16, 1852; Addie, Oct. 22, 1854; Ai Stephen, June 29, 1857; Affie, April 12, 1860; Arbirtie, May 19, 1863; Augustus, Nov. 25, 1868; and Arthur, March 12, 1870.

Dr. Russell received his preliminary education in the common schools of Lincoln; his training for the medical profession was acquired at the Eclectic Medical College, at Lewiston, Me., from which he graduated March 11, 1884, and in June of the same year started in to secure a practice in Rumney, N. H. Dr. Russell located at his present residence, which was variously known as the Dr. Woodman or Dr. Hall place, and there has fitted up an office and reception rooms. The house has been enlarged and made over in many important features, and with the fine lawns adjoining it is easily one of the most desirable homes in Rumney. There are some twenty acres of rich interval land that is connected with his home; new barns and stables with carriage house give all the accommodations that could be desired for his horses and other stock. He has built up an enviable general practice that extends widely through the adjoining towns, and no physician holds any more respect and confidence of his patrons than he.

Our subject married Celesta A. Elliott, daughter of Daniel and Dorcas (Baker) Elliott. Daniel Elliott was a son of Daniel Elliott, Sr., who was a leading business man of Enfield, N. H., where he kept a hotel for a long term of years. He also engaged largely in farming and owned extensive tracts of land, which he disposed of to a great extent after his retirement at an early age; he died at the age of sixty. He had one child by his first wife, and thirteen by his second, among whom was Mrs. Russell's father, Daniel Elliott, Jr. The latter was born in Enfield, N. H., in 1806, and came to Rumney in 1822, where he bought an unimproved farm on the Stinson Brook. He there erected a saw-mill, and for the rest of his years took the lead in the lumber business; he was very energetic, and loved hard

work; he wore out one saw-mill, and nearly wore out the second one that he built to replace the first. His plan was to buy large tracts of timber land, clear it, and market the lumber that it produced; in this way he became the owner of 1,800 acres of land, 100 of which he cultivated as a farm. Besides ordinary lumber, he also manufactured shingles in large quantities. He worked to the very last of his years and died at the age of eighty-one. He was a man of extremely good judgment, and kind-hearted, and very proud of his wife and the large family of children she bore him, most of whom grew up to maturity. His first wife died at the age of fifty-two of heart failure after a severe attack of spotted fever. Of the seventeen children born to him by his first wife, our subject's wife was the youngest; her birth took place Feb. 13, 1854.

In regard to his political principles Dr. Russell is a Democrat and has been a member of the school board for three years. He is most enthusiastic in his belief in the prosperous future of the town and spares no pains in doing all in his power to develop it and aid in its substantial growth. He is a member of the Pemigewasset Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The portrait of Dr. Russell on a preceding page is presented by the publishers with a satisfaction, which will meet with a corresponding degree of appreciation wherever the subject is known.

GEO. WOODWARD, deceased, son of Samuel and Mary (Newton) Woodward, was born in Springfield, Vt., Sept. 30, 1804, and devoted his life to agricultural pursuits with particular attention to the buying, selling, and raising of sheep. Our subject's parents were both natives of Massachusetts, the mother coming from the town of Newton. Shortly after the War of the Revolution they moved to Springfield, Vt., and took up a large tract of land, living there until their death, which occurred at an advanced age.

In the spring of 1836 George Woodward purchased a farm near North Haverhill, where his son George J. now resides. In the April following he moved from his native State to Grafton Co., where he made his home until his death. He added from time to time tracts of lands,

fitted for the pasturage of sheep, to his original purchase, until he at one time owned upwards of 400 acres pastured with large flocks of sheep.

Jan. 30, 1833, he was married to Mary Ann Lake, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Baird) Lake of Springfield, Vt. Daniel Lake was a native of Topsfield, Mass., whence he removed to Grafton, Vt., where he labored in early life at his trade of a brick mason; in later life he became a farmer, having purchased a tract of land near West Springfield, Vt. His grandfather, Daniel Lake, Esq., of Topsfield, Mass., and Rindge, N. H., was a leading citizen of Rindge; he was selectman and town clerk in 1771, was appointed justice of the peace in 1777, and was chairman of the Committee of Safety in 1778. He took an active part in the Revolution and twice enlisted in the service. His patriotic example was followed by four of his sons, viz.: Daniel Lake, Jr.; Enos Lake, Henry Lake, and Jonathan Lake. The latter named, Jonathan Lake, who was the grandfather of Mrs. Woodward, was born in Topsfield, Mass., March 18, 1761, and was but seventeen years and two days of age when he entered the service from Rindge, N. H., and by two subsequent enlistments he remained in the army until the close of the war and was connected with the service for no less than five years. He was one of the members of the New Hampshire Brigade that participated so nobly in the Battle of Monmouth, where he was wounded. He died in Springfield, Vt., May 18, 1846. Soon after the close of the war he married, March 8, 1786, Hannah Hale, daughter of the distinguished Col. Enoch Hale of Rindge, N. H., and removed to Springfield, Vt. Her death took place in the month of October, 1834. Her father, Col. Enoch Hale, built the first bridge across the Connecticut River at Bellows Falls to Walpole; it was constructed in 1785 and was 365 feet in length. When the frame was being prepared he told the men that they should not have any rum at its raising, as was ordinarily the custom, and was told that he would never get it raised. When everything was ready he invited the women as well as the men to bring some dinner with them, and made a nice social gathering out of it; instead of the rum, they had the best of dinners, and the bridge went up without the slightest difficulty, every brace and pin fitting exactly where they were wanted. When

he at last sold the bridge he reserved the privilege that his family for three generations to come could cross the bridge free. He was a man of great enterprise and bravery and was easily the leader in the town of Buckingham. Jonathan Lake married a second wife, Lucy (Hale) Weatherbee, widow of Hezekiah Weatherbee and a sister of his former wife. She died Dec. 24, 1857.

Sarah Baird, the mother of our subject's wife, was born near Billerica, Mass.; her father, Josiah Baird, Jr., was a soldier of the Revolution and claimed Billerica, Mass., as his birthplace; he was also a soldier of the French and Indian War. Being of more than ordinary height, standing six feet and two inches, he was noticed at the camp at Cambridge, Mass., by the Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Washington, who offered him a place on his personal pay-roll. He was one of the General's trusted guards and couriers at his headquarters in Cambridge, and his name appears on eleven different reports of the war. Part of the time when he was not engaged in scouting or guarding the General he had the duty of preparing his meals. His granddaughter, Mrs. Woodward, still possesses a large fork used in the manipulation of the meats and one of the buckles worn on his shoes during the war. He served until the close of the war and then returned home and took up the occupation of farming. He married Sarah Page, a native of Massachusetts, and died in Grafton, Vt.

Mrs. Mary A. Woodward, the wife of our subject, who survives him, was one of the pioneers of the town of Haverhill, N. H., and remembers perfectly when there were but two or three houses in Woodsville, and what is now built up into the main part of the village was then a patch of blueberries, where she one day gathered over 40 quarts of the luscious fruit in a few hours; in truth, they were so thick that she stripped them off the bushes into her apron.

The mode of living in those days seems most primitive to us of to-day. Ink was then of domestic manufacture, being obtained from a decoction of maple or witch hazel bark and copperas; quills were universally used in the absence of steel pens. Having no lead pencils, a small bar of lead pointed at one end was used to rule their writing paper. Such customs certainly seem strange and uncouth to the children who



are growing up in these modern times with every convenience that could be desired at hand. Mrs. Woodward has been a faithful member of the Methodist Church for fifty years. As a result of her union with our subject eight children were born, as follows: Mary J., widow of John S. George of Newbury, Vt.; Elizabeth Ann, deceased; William George, deceased; Samuel, deceased, who enlisted in the 2nd Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., and transferred to the 11th N. H., was wounded July 2, 1862, at the Battle of Gettysburg; Henry L., a farmer of North Haverhill; George J., and Orvin and Oscar, the twins; the former is interested in the drug store of Clinton Junc, Wis., and the latter is a druggist of Kenosha, Wis.

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MOSES WHITCHER, a prosperous farmer and the first selectman of the town of Landaff, N. H., was born in Landaff, Dec. 10, 1836; he is a son of Winthrop and Mercy (Priest) Whitcher, the former of Benton and the latter of Lisbon, N. H.

The grandfather of our subject, William Whitcher, was born May 23, 1783, and settled in Benton, N. H., where he successfully engaged in lumbering and agriculture. He married, Nov. 15, 1807, Mary Noyse, a daughter of Samuel Noyse of Landaff, N. H., and to them were born sixteen children: Moses, born Dec. 26, 1807; William, Dec. 26, 1808; Amos, May 18, 1810; Louisa, Dec. 22, 1811; Winthrop, Feb. 18, 1813; Samuel, Aug. 24, 1814; Ira, Dec. 2, 1815; Sarah, May 25, 1817; Hannah, April 4, 1819; Jane, Oct. 1, 1820; Chase, Jan. 20, 1822; Mary, Oct. 28, 1823; Susan, May 20, 1825; Daniel, Jan. 20, 1827; David, June 17, 1828; and Phebe, Feb. 24, 1831. They favored the religious doctrines upheld by the Baptist Church. William Whitcher was a stanch Democrat and was justice of the peace for many years.

Winthrop C. Whitcher received his schooling in the schools of Benton, and in that town began his life as a farmer; in 1836 he moved to the town of Landaff, N. H.; where he passed the remaining years of his life on the farm now owned by his son, the subject of this sketch. He was also a Democrat, as his father. He married Mercy Priest, Jan. 28, 1836; she was a daughter

of David Priest of Lisbon, N. H. Four children resulted from their union, namely: Moses, Ward P., Henry N., and Sarah H. The family were Baptists.

Moses W. Whitcher was educated in the schools of Landaff, N. H., and worked on the home farm, subsequently buying it from his father; with the sole exception of one year he has made the homestead the scene of his labors all his life. He is pronounced in his advocacy of Democratic principles and has taken a very lively interest in town affairs, serving the town in the capacity of selectman for fourteen years, and also officiating as town treasurer. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention, which was held in Concord, N. H., in 1888. In his fulfillment of the duties of the positions of member of school board and as road surveyor he has been of marked service to his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Whitcher has been married twice; his first wife was Julia E. Bronson, daughter of Orrin Bronson of Landaff, N. H.; she bore him three children, namely: Pheeb P., born Oct. 18, 1863; Maud, deceased, born Dec. 21, 1866; and Jennie N., born Jan. 27, 1871. His first wife died May 8, 1885, and on April 4, 1894, he contracted a second matrimonial alliance with Miss Amanda S. Atwood, daughter of John C. Atwood of Landaff. Mr. and Mrs. Whitcher occupy a high place in the esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who have none but the highest words of commendation to speak of our subject and wife. They are attendants of the M. E. Church of Landaff, of which Mrs. Whitcher is a valued member.

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HON. WILLIS S. SMITH, a prosperous farmer and selectman of the town of Monroe, Grafton Co., N. H., was born in Lyman, now Monroe, May 2, 1846, and is a son of Stebbin and Orinda (Bullock) Smith, both natives of Lyman, and grandson of Ethan and Mary (Currier) Smith. Ethan Smith, our subject's grandfather, was born in the town of Lyman in 1784 and was educated in the schools of that place. He was engaged in general agricultural operations throughout his life. He married Mary Currier, who presented him with nine children, who



were named: Stebbin, Adna, Horace, Ethan Jr.; Samuel, Johanna, Maria, Jane, and Hulda.

Stebbin Smith first saw the light of this world in Lyman in 1808; his school education was abruptly cut short at the age of eleven years by the death of his father, being compelled by this occurrence to support his mother and the younger children of the family. He worked as a farm hand until twenty-eight years of age, when he purchased a farm in Lyman, where he remained four years, going from there to Wolcott, Vt., where he purchased a piece of farming land and tilled it for two years. At the end of that time he returned to his native place, and engaged in general farming until 1870, when he retired from active labor. He was a stanch Republican in politics, but with not an aspirant to office, so he was content to pursue the even tenor of his ways, voting for and supporting the candidate of his party. He was twice joined in the bonds of Hymen. His first wife was Orinda Bullock, who was a daughter of Comer and Zelinda (Peck) Bullock. Two children were born to him as a result of this union, of whom our subject is the only one surviving, the other dying in infancy. His wife died April 28, 1865. Oct. 4 of the same year he was joined in marriage to Lizzie Bigelow, a daughter of Jabez Bigelow of Rygate, Vt. Our subject's father died in the town of Monroe, Oct. 23, 1888.

Hon. Willis S. Smith received a fair education in a district school of Monroe and in Newbury Academy of Newbury, Vt. He then worked on the farm until twenty-four years of age, when he purchased a farm in Monroe and made it his home, and the scene of his agricultural labors until 1888. In that year he sold the farm and bought the present property of 300 acres, one of the very finest pieces of land in the county, and is splendidly adapted for diversified general agriculture. His hay crop is large and very heavy, frequently going over 100 tons a year; besides this crop he raises a large amount of grain, and pays a large amount of his attention to live stock. He has a herd of thirty cattle, thirty sheep, and six horses. In his political views he is a Republican, and has held some of the more important offices that are at the disposal of his fellow-townsmen. In 1891 he was chosen selectman, a position he still retains. In 1887 he was sent to Concord to repre-

sent the town of Monroe in the State Legislature for a term of two years. He was one of the members of the memorable railroad legislative fight, the session of the Legislature lasting six months. He has been justice of the peace for Grafton County for five years; upon the expiration of his commission he refused to have it renewed; he has, however, been notary public since. He is also a veterinary surgeon in addition to his farm work and is commonly known as Doctor Smith. He has an extensive practice in the town of Monroe, in Littleton, Lyman, N. H., and in Barnet, Vt., that takes a great deal of his attention.

He married in 1870 Emma J. Way, a daughter of Samuel S. and Margaret (Dickinson) Way, both natives of Lyman, N. H. She was born Oct. 6, 1851; they have one child as the fruit of this union: Homer S., born June 16, 1872. Homer S. Smith married Mary Paddleford, Feb. 21, 1894, and has one child, Norman P.; Mary Paddleford Smith was born Oct. 31, 1869, and is a daughter of Curtis and Ruth (Nelson) Paddleford of Monroe. Our subject and family are attendants of the M. E. Church of Monroe.

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REV. JOHN M. WATHEN, pastor of the Congregational Church of Lisbon, Grafton Co., N. H., was born in Richibucto, New Brunswick, Jan. 17, 1867. He is a son of William H. and Sarah (Johnson) Wathen, and grandson of John M. Wathen. Our subject's grandfather was a native of England, born in 1781, and came to this country in the early part of this century. His great-grandfather was a noted physician of his day; some of his valuable records are yet preserved in Harvard University. John M. Wathen, the elder, was one of the secretaries of the Governor-General of Canada for several years. He was a delegate to meet the Governor to be at New Brunswick, and met his death by accident at that time. He married a Miss Trinder, born in London, 1781, and to them were born the following children: John M., Elizabeth A., Sarah C., Isabel M., Phoebe, Frances Ann, William H., Almira, Sylvester, Catharine, Mary, and Thomas. The father died in 1830, and the mother passed away in 1872. They were Episcopalians.

William H., the father of our subject, was born in Richibucto, in 1815, and attended the common schools of his native town, completing his education there. A few years after his father's death he took charge of the harbor, which became his by right of inheritance; this harbor was a haven for fishing vessels, and a center for large lumbering interests, located on the coast of New Brunswick. Later on he took up agricultural pursuits, which he has followed all of his life. He owns about 700 acres of valuable farming property, and his time is now occupied in the overseeing of all of his broad acres. He belongs to the Liberal party, and has held the office of sheriff. He married Sarah Johnson, daughter of John and ——— (Nicholson) Johnson, the former a native of England and the latter of Scotland. To our subject's parents were born eleven children: Moseley T., Charles B., Mary B., deceased; Sarah, deceased; Leslie J., William H., Tena J., Phoebe P., Susie K., John M., and Alexander T. Mrs. Wathen died in 1892; she was an Episcopalian in religious belief; Mr. Wathen is a Methodist.

John M. Wathen was educated in the district schools of Richibucto, N. B., and graduated from the high school of that place in 1884. After teaching school one year he entered the University of New Brunswick in 1885, and remained two years under its roof as a student. In 1887 he entered the Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1890, going from there to Bowdoin College at Brunswick, Me., from which institution he graduated in 1892. He then took a post-graduate course at Harvard University and received the degree of M. A.

Rev. Wathen then came to Lisbon, N. H., and accepted the charge of pastor of the First Congregational Church of Lisbon, in 1893, and has faithfully discharged the duties of a minister of the gospel in his chosen field of labor. Mr. Wathen is an unusually intelligent young man with a bright future before him; he is deeply interested in the welfare of his people and is most zealous in advancing the work of salvation. In his political views he favors the Republican party. He was joined in marriage June 28, 1893, to Jennie E. French, daughter of Francis L. and Mary L. (Goodwin) French, the former a native of Stockton, and the latter a native of Prospect, Maine.

HON. LUCIAN F. ASH, a prosperous farmer and representative of the town of Lisbon, N. H., in the State Legislature, was born in Lisbon on the farm he now cultivates, which was the paternal estate and descended to him. His birth took place March 20, 1847. He is a son of David and Eliza (Whitcomb) Ash, and grandson of David and Olive (Sherman) Ash.

Our subject's grandfather was born in Rhode Island and settled in the town of Lisbon the early part of this century. He was a farmer by occupation. He gathered about him eleven children, whose names were as follows: Nathaniel, Edward, David, Samuel, Benjamin, Phineas, Betsey, Sally, Reuben, and two girls whose names can not be ascertained at this writing. They were liberal in their views of religion.

David Ash, Jr., was born in Lisbon, N. H., Aug. 22, 1806; his boyhood days were spent profitably in the schools of his native town, and in working around the farm. When he arrived at man's estate he became a farmer and continued in that vocation all of his life. He was looked up to as a very successful man, and was honored in many ways. He was an active political partisan for the Republican party and represented his town in the State Legislature of 1864; he also served as selectman for several years. Jan. 28, 1832, he was married to Eliza Whitcomb, daughter of Josiah and Rebecca Whitcomb, both natives of Lisbon. Ten children were born to our subject's parents, namely: Mary, born Oct. 20, 1832; David, Oct. 2, 1834; Rebecca, Aug. 8, 1836; Reuben M., Jan. 16, 1838; Hiram N., Jan. 9, 1840; Henry C., April 28, 1842; Rebecca E., Nov. 17, 1844; the twins, Lucian F. and Lucia F., born March 20, 1847; and Florence L., Aug. 17, 1849. The father died Nov. 19, 1879, and the mother May 6, 1873. They were Universalists in their religious sympathies.

Lucian F. Ash, after completing his education in the district schools of Lisbon, N. H., turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he has followed with a large measure of success all his life, so that he is now considered as one of the most substantial men in the town. He is a stanch Republican in his political views, and was selected in the election of the fall of 1896 to represent the town of Lisbon in the State Legislature. Socially, he is a thirty-second degree







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Mason, and has held all the important offices in the blue lodge and chapter. He is a member of Kane Lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M., of Lisbon; Franklin Chapter, No. 5, of Lisbon, N. H.; St. Gerard Commandery, Littleton, N. H.; and also to the Mystic Shrine, Montpelier, Vt.

Nov. 9, 1870, he was united in marriage with Lydia Hibbard, daughter of Aaron and Lydia (Moss) Hibbard of Bath, N. H., and to them have been born four children, namely: Lucian S., born Sept. 21, 1870; Florence, April 26, 1872; May F., Aug. 9, 1874; and Roscoe D., Dec. 16, 1878. Florence Ash is a teacher in the second grammar department of the Lisbon Public School of Lisbon, N. H. The family attend the Congregational Church of Lisbon.

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EDGAR O. CROSSMAN, M. D., of Lisbon, Grafton Co., N. H., was born in Ludlow, Vt., Dec. 15, 1864. He is a son of Ezra and Martha (Spear) Crossman, and grandson of Ezra Crossman, who settled in Vermont; and while his ancestors came from England to this country, they were of German descent; the name signifies a German derivation, and it was formerly spelled Krossmann. The pursuit of agriculture was his sole occupation in life, and he managed his business so successfully that he became prosperous and well-to-do. He reared a large family of children, of whom his son, Ezra Crossman, Jr., was the eldest.

The father of our subject was educated and spent his life in the neighborhood of the place of his birth. He gathered about him a family of five children, as follows: Ida, Myron, Frank, Mary, and Edgar O.

Dr. Crossman's elementary education was obtained in the common schools of Plymouth, Vt., advancing to higher studies in the preparatory school in the same town, and finishing his education in the New Hampshire Agricultural College, at Hanover, N. H. He then took up the study of medicine with Dr. S. E. Lawton of Brattleboro, Vt., and with Dr. Ira Russell of Winchendon, Mass. His degree of M. D. was secured from the Medical Department of the University of Vermont, from which institution he graduated in 1887. He added to his stock of medical knowledge by taking a post-graduate

course in New York City. Dr. Crossman stands high among the members of the medical fraternity, and is highly respected as a man of enterprise, a well-read man, a deep and profound thinker, with good judgment, and keen, logical common sense. Few, if any, complain of any lack, either of knowledge or courtesy at the hands of the Doctor, and he thus wins good opinions from all quarters, from high and low, by his uniform sympathy and kindness. These qualities, united to fine social address, tend to make him a popular and much-sought-after physician, and commands for him the confidence and esteem of the entire community. He is a trustee of the New Hampshire Insane Asylum at Concord, N. H., and is president of the White Mountain Medical Society, and also a member of the school board of Lisbon, N. H. He has ever been an unyielding Republican.

In June, 1888, he joined his fortunes for life with those of Florence A. L. Gibson, daughter of John M. Gibson, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and later a resident of Canada. Edgar G., born April 26, 1895, is their only child. Dr. and Mrs. Crossman are both devout and loyal members of the Congregational Church of Lisbon, N. H. We are pleased to be able to present Dr. Crossman's portrait on a preceding page, in connection with this sketch, confident that it will be a worthy addition to our large and interesting collection of portraits of Grafton Co.'s prominent and representative citizens.

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JAMES E. RICHARDSON, justice of the peace and a much-respected citizen of the village of Lisbon, N. H., was born in Lyman, N. H., April 1, 1830. John Richardson, his grandfather, settled in the town of Lisbon, N. H., where he bought a farm in the northern part of the town and engaged in agricultural operations, besides running a linseed oil mill. It is not known where his last years were spent, nor where he died, for he went west late in life as a surveyor and was never heard from. He married a Miss Olive Dailey, and to him and his wife were born seventeen children, of whom our subject's father was one of the eldest. They were Universalists. Mrs. Richardson died Dec. 2, 1854.

Jesse Richardson, the father of James E., was born in Lisbon, N. H., and completed his education in the schools of that place; he early adopted the occupation of a farmer, and continued in that vocation all of his life. He was a very prominent agriculturist of his day and possessed many good traits of character, which attracted to his side many friends who thought much of him. In politics, he was a Whig, joining the Republican party upon its formation. He married Electa Sherman, daughter of Reuben Sherman of Lisbon, N. H., and of this union were born five children, namely: Lydia, Mary, Maria, Lucinda P., James E., and Deborah M. His wife departing this life in 1833, he formed a second union with Sophronia Webber of Landaff, N. H., and they had one child, Jesse W. His second wife did not remain long with him, for she was called to enter into her reward about the year 1840. Mr. Richardson died April 1, 1871. In their religious attachments they were Universalists.

James E. Richardson, after acquiring an education in the common schools of Lisbon, N. H., learned the trade of a miller, and was employed in that connection for nine years. He then took up farming for several years, after which he bought a saw and carding mill in Lyman, which he operated for four years. Selling his mill property, he bought a large farm in Lisbon, N. H., where he remained until 1894, when he threw up active labor and removed to the village of Lisbon to enjoy his declining years. In political belief he is a staunch Republican and takes a lively interest in local politics, which interest has been appreciated by his townsmen electing him to various offices of trust. He held very acceptably the office of selectman for two years, as supervisor six years, and as justice of the peace ten years, a position he still retains, discharging its duties with skill and address. In the town of Lyman he acted as selectman, as overseer of the poor, and as moderator. He is now director of the Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

In 1853 he was joined in marriage with Sarah A. Bennett, daughter of Ambrose Bennett of Barton, Vt., and to them were given six children to rear and care for, as follows: Lizzie, Emma, deceased; Ellsworth, deceased; Harry, deceased; Jennie, and James H. Lizzie married Freeman Clough, now deceased, of Lisbon, N. H., and

bore him one child, Sadie. Her second husband is David K. Noyes of Lisbon, N. H. Jennie married Daniel H. Noyes of Lisbon, and has one child, Clayton. James H. married Minnie B. Page of Lisbon, N. H. Mrs. Richardson died Oct. 12, 1874, and then our subject formed a second union with Hattie V. Miner of Lyman, N. H., May 20, 1876; their union has been blessed with the birth of one child, Clarence B. They are attendants of the Congregational Church.

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HENRY W. BENTON, deceased, and late of Lebanon, N. H., was born in Hebron, Conn., June 28, 1820, and is a son of Luther and Eliza Ann (Winchester) Benton, and a grandson of William Benton of Tolland, Conn.

The grandfather of our subject removed early in his life to Langdon, Vt., going from there after a time to Hartford, Vt., remaining in that town until 1809, when he came to Lebanon, N. H. Upon taking up his residence in Lebanon he bought the Thomas Hoyt hotel, in 1812, and ever afterward conducted it; it remained in the family for some fifty-seven years, and has been for many years a prominent landmark of the town. He gathered around him a family of ten sons and two daughters, of whom eight sons and one daughter grew up to manhood and womanhood. His son Luther settled in Hebron, Conn., but being afflicted with rheumatism he was forced to give up manual labor; in 1823 he came to Lebanon, N. H., and assisted his father in the light work about the hotel. He died when about seventy years old; he lost his wife early in his married life; she left him one child, Henry W. Benton, the subject of this sketch.

Henry W. Benton at the age of eighteen months was brought to Lebanon on horseback to live with his grandparents, for his mother had died and left him without a woman's care. He was given a good district school education, and apprenticed to the trade of a moulder. He became a very skilled moulder of iron and brass and worked at it for fifty years; the last few years spent in connection with his trade was as overseer of the foundry. For his first home he bought the house now known as the Lewis Bonnett place on High Street. Later on he erected



a three-story house, 30x46 feet, and ran a hotel under the style of the Mascoma House for seventeen years, his wife taking full charge of the house while he followed his trade. He finally sold it and bought the Col. Churchill residence on High Street, living there until his death in January, 1894. His wife was Frances A., daughter of Moses and Catherine (Davis) Roberts; she was born in Royalton, May 13, 1831, and survives her husband. Four children were born to them: Georgiana B., Jennie M., H. W. Benton, Jr., and Lilla F. Jennie M. married William N. Buck of Brookfield, Vt., and now resides in Salem, Mass. They have one son, Edwin C., a reporter of the *Beverly News and Citizen*. Mrs. Buck is engaged in the millinery business, Mr. Buck assisting. Henry W., Jr., married Jennie R. Heath of Tyringham, Mass. He had one child by a former union with Lucina Chapman—a son, Carlos H., a clerk in Boston. Henry W., Jr., is a moulder and works in the foundry of S. Cole & Son. Lilla is residing with her mother. In his political views, he was a Whig and a Republican. He favored the Universalist Church in matters spiritual. He lead a quiet and unassuming life, never aspiring to public office or to any place of distinction, but always content to perform his part in the drama of life in a simple and unostentatious manner; at the close of his well-spent life he could look the world in the face and die, as he had lived, without an enemy.

His daughter, Georgiana B., in 1869, married Laurin F. Dillingham, who was born in Auburn, Me., and settled in Lebanon, where he had charge of the saws and other like tools in the Lebanon mills. He was born in 1845 and died in 1881. Two children were born them. The elder, Walter B., born April 30, 1874, is a book-keeper in the office of the Mascoma Manufacturing Co. of Lebanon; he is a member of the K. of P. Lodge, and is very popular among his associates in the Republican party. Willard, the younger son, died when an infant.

Mrs. Dillingham married as her second husband Sylvester D. Jones, a son of David and Louise (Merrill) Jones, both natives of Rumney, Grafton Co., N. H. Sylvester Jones for many years was in the sewing machine business, but later became superintendent of the sewing machines in the large overall factory of H. W. Carter & Son. One daughter, Hazel J., born

June 23, 1884, is the sole issue of this marriage. Mr. Jones, in 1885, bought the Mascoma Hotel, and was forced to witness its destruction in the great fire of Lebanon. He then bought the brick house, known as the Gerrish house, where they now reside.

Mr. S. D. Jones is a Democrat in politics. Socially, he is a Mason of high standing. He and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Ascutney Chapter, No. 3, of Windsor, Vt. He is also a member of the Mascoma Lodge, I. O. O. F.; and of the Mt. Lebanon Rebecca Lodge, Morning Star Encampment, A. O. U. W., and also of the Mt. Cardigan Lodge, K. of P., of Canaan, N. H.; and is a member of the United Order of Pilgrim Fathers.

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LEONARD W. SMITH, dealer in horses, carriages, and sleighs of Lebanon, N. H., was born in Manchester, N. H., Sept. 5, 1842, and is a son of Elijah and Hannah (Prisbey) Smith. Elijah Smith was born in Henniker, N. H. About the first work he did after leaving home was to help to put in the machinery for some of the Manchester mills; being a natural-born mechanic, he quickly picked up the trade, and worked in those mills for a time, leaving there to work in the mills of Lawrence, Mass. A few years were spent in the west; he returned to work for a Mr. Jones of Methuen, Mass., driving a five-horse team transporting goods to Salem, Mass. He followed this occupation for about five years and then desiring country life so his son could grow up to be a good farmer, he moved to Canaan, N. H., and engaged in agricultural pursuits until his children had grown to be men and women. He then went to Manchester and kept a boarding-house until his wife died of pneumonia at the age of sixty. From that time until his own death, in his ninetieth year, he lived in retirement at the homes of his children. He was active and in the full possession of all of his senses to the last moment; his final passing away resembled the running down of a clock, which might run for years and years, as the machinery was all in good repair, but it needed winding, it needed new power instilled into its otherwise useless mechanism. He pos-

sessed a memory far beyond that of the ordinary man, and although he never had the chances offered by a good schooling, his memory served him so well that he never forgot what he had once heard; this peculiarity of his was often called to good account in the recalling of dates and facts that had slipped the memory of most men; it also made him a very interesting man to engage in conversation with. He was a stanch Democrat and was well grounded in his views. By his first marriage with Miss Colby he had six children; and by his second marriage with Hannah Prisbey five children were added to the home circle. They were: Louise F., Leonard W., Ella, Emma, and Thomas.

Leonard W. Smith dates his experience in his present line of business to the time when, but thirteen years of age, he accosted a man on horseback as to how much he would take for his horse. He received the reply, "What the shoes are worth"; our subject immediately led the horse to a blacksmith's shop and got the smith's estimate as to the value of the shoes, which was sixty-five cents; he then paid the man the price and led the horse home. This was the start as a boy of a man who to-day has the largest business in horses and wagons of any one in the town, which rivals any similar business in the county. When a young man he spent some three years as a watchman in the Manchester mills, at the same time never letting the chance of a bargain in a horse to escape him.

His first venture in his chosen line of business was in Canaan, N. H., where he purchased a livery and ran it successfully for five years. The following two years were spent in Franklin, N. H., dealing in carriages; he then took the agency of the Amesbury Wagon Manufactory and sold their goods in Lincoln, Neb., for one year. In 1875 he came to Lebanon, N. H., and opened up a horse and carriage business, at first renting the buildings necessary to the trade; in 1882 he bought the Z. Cook property, on Hanover Street, and built there a large finely fitted barn and carriage repository. Since that time he has shipped in many hundred horses from Canada and elsewhere; he has a record of buying and selling as many as 350 horses in a year. He not only keeps in stock many elegant carriages and cutters, but he has brought in the town and sold some of the finest turnouts in the town.

Mr. Smith married Miss Lucy J. Youngman of Canaan, who has borne him two children: Joseph C., born Feb. 6, 1877, is a shoe salesman; Arthur, died in infancy. Our subject has always been a stanch Republican; during the late Rebellion he felt it his duty to go to the front, and accordingly enlisted in the 15th Reg., N. H. Vol. Inf., but he was not called into actual service. Early in life he became a member of the social lodge, F. & A. M., at Enfield, and has since most faithfully supported his much-honored order. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W. Mr. Smith's business enterprise is not confined to dealing in horses and carriages, but branches out in every legitimate direction; one of his important ventures is a retail trade in wood and shingles.

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FREDERICK H. EMERSON is a member of the firm of Richardson & Emerson, who have a large and well-appointed store, employing three clerks; the store is located on the corner of Hanover and Church Streets. The salesrooms receive an abundance of light from the large plate glass front, which is as imposing as any in the county; besides their ground floor rooms they have a department in the basement. Their stock consists of a full and well-assorted line of dry goods and fancy goods of all descriptions, ladies' ready made coats, capes, and suits, and gents' ready-made clothing and furnishing goods. That nothing but the best and latest goods are for sale is evinced by the large and constantly increasing patronage they receive from the town of Lebanon and from the surrounding country.

Frederick H. Emerson was born in Lebanon, N. H., Feb. 2, 1857, and is a son of Hiram and Lydia (Nettleton) Emerson, and a grandson of Jonathan and Polly (Collins) Emerson. The parents of our subject's grandfather were James and Lydia (Hoyt) Emerson, and his grandfather was Stephen Emerson.

Stephen Emerson came from Hampstead to Weare, N. H., in 1762, and was among the early settlers of that place; he followed the pursuit of agriculture and became a large land owner of his day. His son James was also a farmer, but his career was cut short at the age of forty years



with consumption. His children were as follows: Jonathan, Lydia, Stephen, and James. His wife married as her second husband Aaron Pingley and bore him one child—Polly.

Jonathan Emerson was born in Weare, N. H., and moved to Grantham when a young man; he leased a farm there and entered upon a successful career as a farmer, being soon able to own a farm of his own and to accumulate considerable wealth. He finally sold his farm and followed the milling industry for a few years at Bradford, N. H., going from there to Newbury and buying a farm. By this time he was in the possession of a comfortable fortune, and he made a practice of buying a farm and after making important improvements selling it at an advanced price, always realizing a good amount by these speculations. His field of operations was quite extended, including New London and many other places in that vicinity; he finally came to Lebanon and settled down for good, buying a pleasant home on Mascoma Street; but very soon receiving a good offer for the property he sold it and bought land in Newport, where he was bereaved of the cheering presence of his wife at the age of seventy-nine. He then sold and came to Lebanon and died there in his eightieth year. He was a Democrat and very liberal in his religious views. He reared a large family, all of whom grew up to maturity and made happy marriages; they were as follows: Hiram, Susan, Jonathan, Arvilla; James, who was distinguished as an inventor; Moses, Albino V., Cyrus, and Lucinda and Lucina, twins.

Hiram Emerson, the father of our subject, was born in Weare, N. H., May 17, 1813, and at the age of nineteen entered the blacksmith's ranks, working three years as a journeyman, afterwards engaging in business for himself in Newport, Sullivan Co., N. H. He then entered the employ of the Littleton Scythe Manufacturing Co., where he worked for sixteen years; he also worked for the St. Johnsbury Hoe and Fork Manufacturing Co., where he took charge of the several departments. In 1856 and up to 1860 he was employed in the Lebanon Scythe Factory. While working in the Lebanon factory he was offered and accepted a position under the St. Johnsbury Co. as its traveling salesman and general agent, and traveled for twenty-seven seasons in their interests. In 1869 he bought a tract of

land, which was a part of the old Peck farm, for the sum of \$1,890.00; in the same year he built the house he still lives in and set about the placing of his property on the market as town lots. Since that time he has sold from the original piece of property lots that have brought him the sum of \$2,030.00, and he still has a considerable amount left yet, including his home. He was married, in 1837, to Lydia, daughter of Hon. Jeremiah D. and Zephina (Bowman) Nettleton. Jeremiah Nettleton was a farmer by occupation and was descended from ancestors who figured in the Revolution; he lived in Newport, N. H. Our subject's mother was born May 5, 1817. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson, both blessed with strong and vigorous constitutions, are hale and hearty to-day, and bid fair to enjoy many more happy years together; the community in which they reside are united in their praises and admiration of this worthy couple, who are now in the beautiful sunset of a blessed married life. Their union was blessed with the following children: Zylphia E., who died in infancy; Fanny married Edwin Harris of St. Johnsbury, Vt., and has two children—Frank and Lizzie; Willie was taken to his heavenly home when an infant; Elizabeth departed this life at the age of twenty-five; Ella B. and Edwin B. were twins, the former died at the age of twenty-six; the latter married Mary S. Parsons, and is a merchant of Northampton, Mass., they have two children, Edwin N. and Ella M.; Frederick H. is the subject of this sketch. Our subject's father is a Democrat, and is liberal in his religious views, being no regular communicant of any church organization.

Frederick H. Emerson received his schooling in Lebanon, N. H., and at the age of nineteen entered the employ of F. L. Simmons as clerk; he clerked successively for that firm, for C. E. Delano, and for J. E. Lincoln, with whom he remained for seven years. In 1888, in company with C. J. Richardson, he bought the stock of goods of G. C. Whipple and entered upon a successful career of business in the Whipple block. In 1893 the firm was burned out, but soon restocked the store, and has now one of the finest stores in the county, fitted up in the most substantial and elegant fashion.

Mr. Emerson resides on Elm Street. Feb. 2, 1887, he married Fannie G., daughter of Alpheus W. and Parthenia (Peck) Baker, whose sketch



appears on another page of this Book of Biographies. Three children have been born to our subject and his devoted wife: Stuart was born Aug. 27, 1891; Dorris, born Feb. 3, 1893; and Lloyd, born Feb. 8, 1895.

Mr. Emerson is a Republican. In his religious views he is a Unitarian. He is a member of the Franklin Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M.; St. Andrews Chapter, No. 1; Washington Council, No. 10; Mt. Horeb Commandery of Concord; and of the Mystic Shrine, Mt. Sinai Temple, Montpelier, Vt. He is past master of the Blue Lodge, and is past high priest of St. Andrews Chapter. He is also affiliated with the A. O. U. W.

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JOHN S. FREEMAN is a member of the firm of Moulton & Freeman, who are doing an extensive grocery business in Lebanon, N. H. Mr. Freeman was born in Lebanon township, Feb. 12, 1849, and is a son of Silas H. and Sarah J. (Greeley) Freeman, grandson of Nathaniel and Polly (Hall) Freeman, and a great-grandson of Col. Edmund Freeman.

Col. Freeman was a resident of Mansfield, Conn.; in June, 1764, he led a party of nine north into New Hampshire, where they settled the town of Hanover. They laid out 100 acre lots for the members of the prospective settlement, and in October of the same year roads were cleared by a force of twenty-two men, led by Col. Edward's son, Edmund. This action was taken under a grant of the town of Hanover, Grafton Co., N. H., which was made July 4, 1761, by Governor Benning Wentworth to Col. Edmund Freeman and Joseph Storrs, with two hundred and forty other petitioners. As has been narrated, Col. Freeman helped survey the grant into 100 acre lots and settled there with his family in 1764, he being the first to settle in that town. Col. Freeman cleared his farm and made considerable improvement in his surroundings; as promoter of the scheme, he laid aside lands for a college, now Dartmouth, which has enjoyed a memorable and proud existence. He was captain of militia in the Revolution. In 1780 he sold his property in Hanover and settled in the town of Lebanon, where his descendants still live. His death took place about the age of seventy.

His son, Nathaniel, succeeded him on the Lebanon farm, living in peace and enjoying the good-will and friendship of his neighbors to the time of his death, which occurred about in his eightieth year. His death was sincerely regretted by all to whom the name of Lebanon was dear. His children were: Luther, Silas H., Nathaniel, Albert, Sarah, and Mary. Of the children, Nathaniel is the only one living.

Silas H. Freeman was born in the town of Lebanon and resided there all his life on a farm in the eastern part of the town; his attention was devoted to farming, except for a saw-mill, which he owned, and where he did custom sawing and what little lumbering came his way. He died at the age of seventy-three. His wife, who was the daughter of John Greeley, and own cousin of Horace Greeley, was afflicted with rheumatism, and died at the age of forty-seven. Two sons are the only surviving children; they are: John S. and George Allen. Mary and Abbie died in youth.

After our subject had finished his education he took charge of the homestead, and early in life began to deal in cattle and stock of all kinds. With the valuable instruction he received as a boy from his father he was enabled to become a model, prosperous farmer, on whom were bestowed many of the good things of life. Many improvements in the appearance and general utility of the farm were made, among which was a remodeling of the buildings on better plans. In 1894 he rented the farm and moved to the village of Lebanon; there he bought the interest of F. L. Simmons in the firm of Simmons Bros. and has since been one of the firm. In the spring of 1897 Mr. Moulton bought the interest of the Simmons, the firm now being Moulton & Freeman. They have probably the largest grocery business in the county.

Mr. Freeman married Emma F., daughter of David M. Ross of Hanover, grand-daughter of Nathan Ross and great-grand-daughter of Thomas Ross. Thomas Ross joined the Continental army at the age of fourteen and saw much of the hardships that were undergone. He was among the early settlers of Hanover, N. H., coming from Billerica, Mass.; he cleared a farm and spent his days in farming. His son Nathan built the house, now standing, where our subject's wife was born. Three children have been





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born to our subject and his wife, namely: an infant daughter, who was removed from their presence to the blessed regions; Bessie V., born Feb. 1, 1878; and Ross M., born Dec. 22, 1880. In politics, Mr. Freeman is and has always been a stanch Republican. He served as representative in the Legislature in 1883-84; in 1879-82-93-94 he acted as selectman. He also served on the school board seven years. He was one of the organizers of the Grange in Lebanon and served four years as its master, raising the membership during that time over the hundred mark. He is a member of the Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 6. He has served as Governor of the Lodge of Pilgrim Fathers. He is a Methodist in his religious belief.

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W. W. OLIVER, junior member of the general mercantile firm of Cogswell & Oliver, of Lisbon, N. H., was born in the Province of Quebec, Oliver's Corner, town of Magog, March 7, 1858. He is a son of Edward B. and Mary O. (Foss) Oliver, grandson of Capt. William Oliver and Polly (Remick) Oliver, and great-grandson of Dr. William Oliver, who was born in England in the year 1766, and settled in Boston, Mass., after his immigration to this country. His wife was Elizabeth Chatterton, born Nov. 10, 1751. Dr. Oliver moved from Boston to Acworth, N. H., and from there to Oliver's Corner, Magog, P. Q.

Capt. William Oliver was born in Acworth, N. H., July 20, 1793, and in early life settled at Oliver's Corner, town of Magog, Can. He reared three children, namely: Edward B.; Mary B. (Perry); and William W. He was a Conservative in his political affiliations. In the War of 1812 he held a commission of Lieutenant; later on he was a Captain of the Militia. In religious matters he favored the Congregational Church. His death took place March 12, 1881. His wife died Aug. 16, 1848.

Edward B. Oliver was born in Hatley, Canada East, May 22, 1818, and completed his education in his native town. He adopted the trade of a carpenter as a life-calling, and followed it during the active period of his career at Oliver's Corner, Can. Like his father, he was a Conservative in politics. His wife was born in

Stanstead, Canada East, Jan. 22, 1818. They were married Feb. 14, 1839, and to them were given six children to cherish and rear, as follows: Aza A., born July 19, 1843, and died at the age of 10; James B., July 6, 1845; Ida M. (Remick), Sept. 9, 1847; Marion B. (Rexford), May 16, 1850; Adams P., Jan. 18, 1852; and the subject of this sketch, William W., who was born March 7, 1858. The father departed this life Sept. 1, 1896; his wife having died ten years earlier, Aug. 20, 1886. They were Congregationalists, Mr. Oliver being a deacon of that denomination at Fitch Bay, Province of Quebec, Can.

Our subject, after acquiring an education in the district schools of Oliver's Corner, town of Magog, and the Academy at Magog, went to Fitch Bay to clerk for T. B. and H. M. Ryder; he remained with that firm one year, going from there to Sherbrooke, where he was engaged nine months in the mercantile business. He then removed to Newport, Vt., where he worked two years as clerk and as expressman for H. S. Root.

In the month of January, 1883, Mr. Oliver moved to Lisbon, N. H., and entered the employ of the firm of Oakes & Bennett, and worked for them for two years. The firm then underwent a change in its constituents, Mr. Bennett selling his interest to Carlos M. Cogswell; Mr. Oliver clerked for the new firm, which did business under the style of J. N. Oakes & Co., until March 1889, when he purchased the Oakes interest, and formed a new partnership with Mr. Cogswell. This last company, known as the firm of Cogswell & Oliver, has been engaged in a general mercantile business, which has been in every respect successful and lucrative. Messrs. Cogswell & Oliver, with their wide experience in their line of work, have been able to command a great part of the patronage of the citizens of the town of Lisbon; enterprising and energetic, they have achieved their present success by only the most honorable means. Mr. Oliver is a Republican, but takes no more than a passive interest in political matters.

On Sept. 15, 1887, he married Alice M. Boynton, daughter of Dr. Charles H. and Mary Huse (Cummings) Boynton; this union has resulted in the birth of two children: Mary B., born June 7, 1890; and Charles E., born Feb. 11,

1895. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver are members of the Congregational Church of Lisbon, N. H. Mr. Oliver is a wide-awake, progressive business man, and alive to all that pertains to the best interests of the town. He is a thirty-second degree Mason; a member of Kane Lodge, No. 64; and of Franklin Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M., of Lisbon. He has held all of the important offices in Kane Lodge, and is at present Worshipful Master. He has also filled the principal offices in the Chapter, having been High Priest in 1890-1891-1892, and at the present time holds some of the minor offices in the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of the State of New Hampshire.

In connection with his personal history, we are pleased to be able to present Mr. Oliver's portrait, which appears on a preceding page.

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WILLIAM B. WEEKS, a practicing attorney-at-law of Lebanon, N. H., was born in the town of Canaan, Grafton Co., N. H., May 14, 1839, and is a son of William Pickering and Mary E. (Doe) Weeks, and a grandson of Brackett and Sarah (Pickering) Weeks, who were prominent members of the farming community of the town of Greenland, Rockingham Co., N. H.

William Pickering Weeks was born in Greenland, Feb. 22, 1803, and was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1826. He turned his attention to the legal profession and read law under Hon. William H. Hayes and Charles N. Coggsell of South Berwick, Me., being admitted to the bar in 1829. He located in Canaan in November of the same year and shortly after became the partner of Mr. Blaisdell; with whom he was associated for three years. He then associated himself with Judge Sargent, and that firm existed until 1845. From then to the end of his professional career he was content to practice alone. His practice was extensive and lucrative, being included chiefly in those branches of law relating to debt and credit, and to the validity of titles, in which he made himself a recognized authority among his fellow-members of the bar. He was very painstaking in business and wanted matters done in a methodical manner to leave small room for a mistake; every matter of however great or slight importance received its due notice. He was a man who

took a real interest in the welfare of town, county, and state, and served his town as representative in 1839-40-50-54, and was elected to the Senate in 1848-49, being the president of that organization during the last year of his term. He was also in the Constitutional Convention of 1850. He was a very lenient and honorable creditor in his dealings with those whom he had given financial assistance, for he loaned large amounts of capital. He owned no small amount of land; being very fond of sheep and cattle, he kept numbers of the choicest he could obtain, besides many good horses. His much-lamented death took place Jan. 8, 1870, at the age of sixty-six. He married on July, 1833, Mary E., daughter of Joseph Doe of Derry, N. H., and became the parent of five children: Joseph D., William B., Marshall H., Mary E. D., and Susan H.

William B. Weeks received a liberal education in the academy at Canaan, and in Dartmouth College, from which he graduated in 1861. It had long been his aim and desire to follow the profession of his father; and accordingly after his graduation from college, he entered his father's law office and entered upon the study of his future profession; he also read law under Judge Charles Doe of Portsmouth, and Foster & Sanborn of Concord. He was admitted to the bar of New Hampshire in 1864, and hung out his shingle for his first client in Canaan. He was then associated for a time with Judge Isaac Blodgett, and then alone until he went to Monroe Co., West Virginia, where he intended to make his permanent home, but because of the hostile feeling prevalent there at that time to all of Northern birth, he returned after a year's absence to scenes more congenial, and settled in Lebanon. He has received the confidence and esteem of the business men by his ability and sound integrity; he numbers his clients by the score. He is a well-read man in his profession, which means much, considering the number of decisions a lawyer must keep posted on; he bears the reputation of being very correct in his legal knowledge.

In 1866, he married Henrietta M., daughter of John and Augusta (Chandler) Bridgeman of Hanover. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks have never been made happy by the birth of any children to them; they are very fond of children, and to fill up a



void in their hearts and lives, adopted Mrs. Weeks' little nephew and niece: Ethan Allen Bridgeman and Amy M. Bridgeman. Amy died at the age of thirteen years. Ethan Allen Bridgeman has grown up to a noble man, who is the pride of his parents; he is superintendent and manager of a publishing house of Seattle, Washington. He married Annie McClellan; they have had four children, the eldest, a son, died while an infant in arms. The remaining three are: Leland M., Alma M.; and Ethan Allen, Jr. Our subject's son is devoted to his parents.

Our subject's home is on Bank Street, and is the residence, earlier known as Senator Aaron H. Cragin's place. Mr. Weeks is a large proprietor in real estate in the shape of farms about Canaan; he has besides the Lucerne Hotel. He is a stanch Republican, and although destitute of political ambition, has held the office of justice of the peace for a number of years. He is liberal in his views of religious matters.

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HARRY N. MARSTON, a manufacturer of rakes of Lebanon, N. H., was born in the above town, April 9, 1862; he is a son of Nathaniel B. and Emma J. (Kendrick) Marston, and grandson of David C. and Elizabeth (Badger) Marston. Our subject is descended from an old Puritan family, which had its origin in this country from a Thomas Marston, who was born in England in 1617, and came to Salem, Mass., in 1634; later in life he settled in Hampton, N. H. From our subject's grandfather the line runs back through Nathaniel and Patience (Knowlton) Marston, Robey and Hannah (Drake) Marston, Daniel and Sarah (Clough) Marston, Simeon and Hannah (Carr) Marston, Ephraim and Abigail (Sanburn) Marston, Thomas and Mary (Estow) Marston, and William, who was the eldest son of Thomas, the founder of the family. Ephraim Marston, born Aug. 8, 1654, was a farmer, and a distinguished citizen of his town, for whose interests he worked assiduously and unremittingly. His son, Simeon, born in 1683, was a farmer; Simeon's son, Daniel, born Sept. 13, 1708, was a captain of Colonial troops in the French and Indian War. His son, Robey, born in 1747, settled in New Hampshire, where he be-

came a large land-owner and an active, public-spirited citizen, prominent in the affairs of his town.

Nathaniel Marston, our subject's great-grandfather, was born Nov. 23, 1773, and became possessed of the homestead by inheritance, but disposed of it in 1806 and moved to Monmouth, Me., later to Alexandria, N. H., and last to Deerfield, N. H., where he died at the age of seventy-one.

David C. Marston, the grandfather of Harry M., was born Dec. 22, 1799; he moved to West Lebanon, and later to Northwood, N. H., where he spent the remainder of his days as an agriculturist, dying at the age of seventy-nine. There were seven children born to him, six by his first marriage, as follows: Samuel B., Mary E., Mary E., the second; David William, Nathaniel B., and Thomas B. David C. Marston married as his second wife Sarah Barry, who bore him one child, Sarah J.

Nathaniel B. Marston was born in Alexandria, N. H., Dec. 2, 1829, and attended the district schools of that place. When eighteen years old he went to Concord and learned the carpenter's trade and then came to Lebanon and worked for William S. Ela and Austin Hurlbutt a few years, after which he lived for a time in Quincy and Lawrence, Mass. He then went to Alexandria, N. H., built a saw-mill, and operated it two years, coming to Lebanon at the end of that time. Upon his arrival in Lebanon he built a saw-mill, where he is now located and ran it until 1869, when he sold it and went into the business of contracting and building houses, which vocation he followed a few years. His next venture was in the manufacture of drag rakes, where the Key Manufactory is now, later moving to Lyman Whipple's building, continuing in that branch of industry until he was burned out in 1887. After he was burned out he bought the site of his saw-mill, which he had before operated, rebuilt the mill, and made drag and hand rakes until 1894, when he sold it to his son, Harry N. Marston. Since then he has carried on the manufacture of snow shovels and of a patent weighing pitchfork, which is his own invention; it is a fine and useful article for ascertaining the exact weight of a fork full of hay. He also manufactures a car-pusher, his own invention, by which a sixty-ton car on the railroad



track can be moved with ease by a mere boy. It is not only very practicable, but so exceedingly simple that it has been a success from the start. He also manufactures largely a machine used to lay matched flooring, an invention of his own, which gives entire satisfaction, and finds a ready sale. During his residence in Lebanon he has dealt considerably in real estate, and has built and sold a number of dwellings.

Mr. Marston married Emma J., daughter of Egbert B. Kendrick, who was born in Lebanon, a son of Stephen Kendrick, a native of Amesbury, Mass. Stephen Kendrick was one of the early merchants of Lebanon and built the brick house where F. B. Kendrick lives, besides many other dwellings now the homes of many of Lebanon's citizens. He was a leader in every good work and very active in building the Congregational Church at Lebanon. His descendants are numbered among the best and most well-to-do people of the town; he was the father of nine children, all of whom have been instrumental in the development and growth of the town of Lebanon. Egbert Kendrick, his son, was a prominent and influential citizen of Lebanon in his early years; he was a painter by trade, but retired not very late in life to live on the competency he had acquired by the work of his earlier years. Four children were born to our subject's father, as follows: Harry N.; George F., born Sept. 22, 1864, married Jennie Simmons; and has lost one daughter, Grace; Willie, born May, 1867, died in his youth; and Ina Belle, born Jan. 14, 1870, and married D. L. Fifield. Our subject's father is a Republican in respect to his politics and a member of the Congregational Church. He is a member of Mascoma Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F., and is past grand, and is a member of the Grand Lodge.

Harry N. Marston, with his brother George, has carried on the manufacture of drag and hand rakes for a number of years past; their factory has an average output of from 500 to 700 dozen rakes annually. Their goods have a ready sale in Boston, Mass., and in Portland. Our subject married Belle Putnam, and has one child by this union, Harold. Mr. Marston is a pushing, energetic young business man with hosts of friends, who are pleased to see his honest efforts in building up and maintaining a fine trade go with such success.

NED G. ENGLISH, a general merchant of Lisbon, N. H., was born in Lisbon, Sept. 29, 1860, and is a son of Lewis and Emily C. (Page) English, and a grandson of Andrew English. The grandfather of our subject was a native of Lyme, N. H., where he followed the vocation of a farmer throughout his life. His education was obtained in the common schools of that place. He was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and lost no available opportunity in showing his steadfast loyalty. In the State militia he held the commission of Lieutenant. On religious subjects he was a liberal. He married Mary Goodell, and to them were born the following children: Asenath; Eunice; Louis; Mary; David; John; Andrew; Lewis; and Rebecca.

Lewis English was also educated in the schools of Lyme, and followed the same calling of farming as his father; the scene of his agricultural labors, since 1849, has been in Lisbon, where he is now living in retirement at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Like his father, he is also a good Democrat, and has served as selectman, and as collector of taxes. He married Emily C. Page, daughter of William Page of Whitefield, N. H.; three children were born, who were named Van, Ned, and Lee. Mr. and Mrs. English are Methodists in their religious belief.

Ned Goodell English, upon the completion of his education, in the schools of Lisbon, finishing in the High School, clerked for J. Burton, who conducted a country store in Woodsville, N. H.; he remained there one year. In 1880 he worked in the Sunset Hill House in Lisbon for one season, and in the fall of the same year entered the employ of S. S. Peach & Co., of Wells River, Vt., as a clerk in the firm's general store. In the spring of 1885 he severed his connection with the firm, and in May of the same year purchased a half interest in the firm of L. A. Young & Co. of Lisbon, N. H., which continued under the style of Young & English until December, 1886, when our subject became sole owner, and since that time has conducted the constantly growing business under the style of N. G. English. He deals in general merchandise, and has built up a thriving trade. His business ability and substantial worth are appreciated by his townspeople, who are outspoken in their expressions of good-will

toward him. In April, 1895, he branched out in business, and purchased the grist mill, formerly owned and operated by Hon. W. H. Cummings, and has since done a very creditable business, doing custom grinding, in addition to dealing in all kinds of grain.

In 1887 he married A. Annie Clark, daughter of Moses and Martha P. (Rowell) Clark, the former of Newbury, Vt., and the latter of Bath, N. H. One child, Harold Lewis, was born June 16, 1887. They are Congregationalists, and attend the church of that denomination in Lisbon. Mr. English is a Democrat, and was postmaster under Cleveland's first administration for three years. He is a Mason of the 32d degree, and belongs to Kane Lodge, No. 64, of Lisbon, N. H.; Franklin Chapter, No. 5, of the same place; St. Girard Commandery, K. T., Littleton, N. H.; and Edward A. Raymond Consistory, Nashua, N. H.; also a member of the New Hampshire Society of Sons of the American Revolution.

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JASON DENSMORE, the subject of this sketch, is the sole proprietor of the noted and mammoth steam brick works of Lebanon, where the best quality of bricks in the State are manufactured, including the specialty of the diamond and round-cornered bricks for cornice work. The products of his brick yard find a ready demand among the prominent builders of the State.

Mr. Densmore was born in Chelsea, Vt., Oct. 10, 1843, and is a son of William and Lydia M. (Davis) Densmore, and a grandson of Joel and Sally (Bixby) Densmore. Joel Densmore was born in Vershire, Vt., Dec. 2, 1788, and was a practical farmer of his day; late in life he conducted a farm in Brookfield, Vt., and after his retirement passed his last days of exemption from the toil of his former years in Corinth, where he died Jan. 3, 1870, at the age of eighty-two. His wife, Sally Bixby, was born Sept. 1, 1770, and departed this life Sept. 24, 1846; she bore our subject's grandfather the following large family: Lydia, born Feb. 25, 1813; William, Dec. 19, 1814; Fanny, Dec. 12, 1816; Polly, Oct. 13, 1818; Charles, Oct. 26, 1820; Azio, Feb. 20, 1823; Alma H., Feb. 21, 1825; George W.,

Nov. , 1826; Joel H., Nov. 29, 1828; Jane L., July 18, 1831; John S., July 3, 1834; and Caroline, Nov. 2, 1836. Joel Densmore married, as his second wife, Sally Mattoon, but no children resulted from their union.

William Densmore, the father of Jason, was born in Brookfield, Vt., and upon arriving at man's estate bought a farm in Chelsea, Vt., where he made his home until 1853, when he sold his property and went to Pittsfield, N. H., at which place he ran a hotel, and was there stricken by a mortal attack of typhoid fever and died Oct. 24, 1854. His first wife, Lydia M. Davis, daughter of Wyman Davis, died at the age of thirty-nine, leaving three small children: Milton, Jason, and Edison (deceased). William Densmore married again, the bride being Jane Howe; upon her death soon after, he was joined in marriage to Caroline Percival, who bore him one son, Willie.

Upon the death of our subject's parents he was left to the guardianship of an uncle, who sent him to live with N. H. Caswell of Washington, Vt., whom he assisted during his years of minority in the farm work, and improved whatever opportunities he could of attending school. At the age of nineteen he enlisted in Co. G., 10th Reg. Vt. Vol. Inf., and served through the remainder of the war, being mustered out of the service June 18, 1865. He held the position of corporal; the only serious wound that he received was from a minie ball, during the Battle of the Wilderness, which lodged in his thigh. When he returned home he worked at farming for a number of years, running the town farm of Hanover, N. H., for two years of that period. He then bought a home on Hanover Street in Lebanon, and carried on a successful business in trucking for thirteen years, keeping three teams at work. In 1883 he purchased the Greeley farm and brick yard, which at that time had not been developed to the full extent that the excellent nature of the clay made possible; the only brick made was of a very ordinary sort, which of course was not in great demand. Our subject, knowing that the raw material at hand warranted the expenditure of capital, at once began putting in entirely modern machinery, including steam engine and boilers. The result has fully come up to his expectations, for his product has gained a wide-spread reputation for



fineness of quality and great durability, and is universally conceded by builders to be second to none in the State. Many car loads of brick are annually shipped to the city, as the average output of the yard is twenty-six hundred thousand per annum. His shipping list includes the prominent cities of both New Hampshire and Vermont; he has furnished the brick for the prominent buildings and stores of Lebanon that have been erected since his ownership of the brickyard. He has long since arrived at the point where he has orders for all he can make.

Our subject married, on the 18th of February, 1869, Maria E., daughter of Alfred B. and Lydia H. (Davison) Dimick of Lyme. Mr. Dimick was among the prominent and thoroughly progressive farmers of his day; he is still living at the advanced age of eighty-five. His wife was taken to her promised home at the age of fifty-two. Their children were: William H., Lucinda D., and Maria E. Our subject and his wife have been blessed in their union by the birth of two sons: Alfred J., born July 5, 1885; and George A., Nov. 4, 1886.

Mr. Densmore is a Republican in his allegiance to party. He is a member of the George Washington Lodge, No. 51, F. & A. M., of Chelsea, Vt. Later on in life he joined the Franklin Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M., of Lebanon, N. H. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W., and of the local Grange. He is commander of the G. A. R. Post of Lebanon. In religious attachments he is a Congregationalist.

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WILLIAM W. EASTMAN, a well-to-do farmer and town clerk of Benton, N. H., was born in Jay, N. Y., Nov. 14, 1850. He is the son of Sylvester and Louise (Whitcher) Eastman of Benton, N. H., grandson of James and Polly (Boynton) Eastman, and great-grandson of Obadiah Eastman.

Obadiah Eastman, it is thought, was of English descent, and settled in Coventry (now Benton), making that his home for the rest of his days. He was one of the prominent and successful farmers of that time and locality and took a great interest in town affairs. It is not known what his politics were, but it is believed that he

avored the Democratic party. He was the first town clerk of Coventry. He also served as selectman.

James Eastman, son of Obadiah, was born in Coventry, March 12, 1774. He was reared and educated to the vocation of a farmer and followed it through life. He married Betsey Boynton Aug. 28, 1798, by whom he had four children: Jesse, Rosilla, Louisa, and Nancy. His wife died about the year 1812. He then formed a second matrimonial alliance, his partner being Polly Boynton, a sister of his first wife. She presented him with five children: Sylvester, Betsey, Moses, Philema, and James. In his political belief Mr. Eastman was a stanch Democrat and served his town as selectman. He was fully qualified to fill satisfactorily other and more important offices, but never aspired toward them.

Sylvester Eastman was born in Benton Aug. 3, 1814. His schooling he secured in the neighboring schools. Upon reaching his majority he took a journey to Alabama, and while there received an injury by the falling of a tree, which made him more or less of an invalid through his life. He returned home about 1840. Soon after he had settled down in his old home he was joined in marriage to Louisa, daughter of William and Mary (Noyes) Whitcher. They were blessed with three children: George E., Ruth J., and William W., the subject of our sketch. In politics Mr. Eastman worked and associated himself with the Democratic party, but never accepted a public office. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eastman were faithful members of the M. E. Church.

William W. Eastman attended the schools of Benton for his educational training. At the age of twenty-one he started to work for his uncle, Daniel Whitcher, and remained with him three years. He then purchased a farm and made it his home. In 1879 he was joined in marriage to Georgia, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Stickney) Aldrich of Benton, N. H. They have no children. Mr. Eastman adheres strictly to the principles advocated by the Democratic party. He has served his town in various official capacities, as selectman, as a member of the school board, and as a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1879. Recently he was elected to fill the office of town clerk, and is at this time (1896) still serving in that capacity. In







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all his relations with others, political, business, or social, he has won the respect of all who have had the good fortune to be associated with him. Temperate in word and deed, and lenient to a fault, he has ever been a friend and helper to those in trouble and distress.

His first wife died April 19, 1893, and in Feb., 1894, he formed a second union, the bride being Mrs. Edna A. Eastman, widow of Josiah Eastman, and daughter of Wilton and Laura A. (Townsend) Morse of Easton, N. H. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eastman are supporters of the M. E. Church, and may be found in every good cause advanced by that organization.

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HON. HIRAM HODGDON, general manager of the Ashland Knitting Mills of Ashland, N. H., was born at Northville, N. H., Oct. 21, 1832. He was the son of John L. and Sally (Thurston) Hodgdon, and grandson of Israel and Comfort (Sanborn) Hodgdon.

Israel Hodgdon was born in Canterbury. In early manhood he moved to what is now Northville and settled there. The country at that time was still a wilderness of forest; Mr. Hodgdon bravely set to work to fell the trees and prepare the land for cultivation. He soon made a clearing large enough for his first humble needs, and there built his house and reared his family. The town being afterwards settled with other thrifty farmers, Mr. Hodgdon became one of the most progressive and well-to-do. Starting with no capital but what nature had furnished him, he was enabled by hard, unceasing toil to leave his family a comfortable home when he died at the age of seventy-three. His wife lived to the age of eighty-five. They were both blessed with strong robust constitutions, and up to their last sickness hardly knew what it was to experience a day's sickness. Their children were: Cyrus, Isaiah, John L., Charlotte, Susan, Deliverance, and Nancy.

John L. Hodgdon received a fair education in the schools of Northville district. He assisted his father in the care of the homestead during the latter's life, and at his death inherited it. The property improved very much under his able management; the buildings were remodeled and

new ones erected. His death was owing to rheumatism, from which he had been a great sufferer. He was relieved of his pain and trouble in his sixty-eighth year. His wife is still living in her ninetieth year.

Hon. Hiram Hodgdon, subject of this notice and son of John L. Hodgdon, was born and educated in his native town of Northville. When twenty-one years of age he left home to seek his fortune; he made his way to Boston with a strong determination to make a good beginning and found employment there as a dry goods clerk. He remained there one year, and having proved himself capable of filling a more responsible position, he came to Ashland and took full charge of the old Brick Store, owned by Mr. Follansby. The arrangement was such that Mr. Hodgdon received one-half of the proceeds in return for his services and management. In 1862 he entered into full partnership with his aforetime employer, under the firm name of Follansby & Hodgdon. He was active in this business for twenty-seven years, with the exception of two years that he served with the 12th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., in the late Rebellion.

About 1880 he became interested in real estate and retains an interest in the firm of Hodgdon & Pollard. He spent seven years in the west, speculating in land, buying lots in promising localities, erecting houses thereon, and disposing of them at a profit. He owns to-day several fine pieces of property in Chicago. Of the seven years in the west, three were passed in the State of Nebraska, one in Wyoming; the remainder were spent in Chicago.

In 1886 a company was formed, composed of Thomas P. Cheney, George E. Scribner, N. P. Batchelder, and Hiram Hodgdon; the company purchased the Baker Mill water privilege and built a building 110x54, and three stories high. Seven sets of cards were put in, and the factory turns out at present 600 dozen of ladies' woolen hose per day, and employs at times as many as 250 hands. The business soon gained a wide reputation, and has not been idle, except when necessary repairs were being made, or an inventory of the stock was being taken.

Mr. Hodgdon married Martha, daughter of Nathaniel Webster of Danville, N. H. She departed this life in 1880, at the age of forty-six years. He has a fine home on Main Street. He



is a staunch Republican, and although desiring no office, and indeed, refusing to accept any, he was prevailed upon to serve as town clerk one year, and as Senator in 1879. He is a liberal supporter of the Free Will Baptist Church. Socially, he is a member of the Mt. Prospect Lodge, No. 68, F. & A. M.

As a representative man and leading citizen of the county, the publishers of this work take great pleasure in presenting Mr. Hodgdon's portrait on another page.

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REV. SOLOMON COLE is the senior member of the firm of S. Cole & Son, founders and expert machinists, and also dealers in lumber, of the town of Lebanon, N. H. He was born in Whitefield, N. H., July 8, 1821, and is a son of Solomon and Sally (Howland) Cole, and a grandson of Solomon Cole, who was born in Boxford, Mass., about the year 1740.

The grandfather of our subject performed valiant service in the Revolutionary War, taking part in the decisive battles of Bunker Hill, Ticonderoga, and Saratoga. About the year 1796, with his children and grandchildren, he emigrated from his home in Massachusetts to make a settlement in the new and unclaimed land of New Hampshire; their journey was taken along the Connecticut Valley, with slight quantity of provisions, and what few household effects that could be transported by their two yoke of oxen, drawing sleds. The trip of 100 miles was accomplished in fourteen days of hard work for both beasts and men; their settlement was made in the midst of the wilderness, in the town of Landaff. Shortly previous to Mr. Cole's settlement there had been formed a little gathering of pioneers at Sugar Hill, and being desirous of adding to their number, they induced Mr. Cole to become a member of their colony. He was further persuaded by the condition of his wife, who had become very homesick for the want of female company, and he accordingly accepted the offer, and made his permanent settlement there, clearing the land and building house and barns. He was proud of his record as a soldier and never failed to take a great interest in things military. He was blessed with an exceedingly

rugged constitution, and was engaged in active labor until the ten years immediately preceding his decease; he died at the advanced age of ninety-five. His children were: Timothy, John, Benjamin, Isaac, Solomon, Kimball, Samuel, and Asa.

Our subject's father, also named Solomon Cole, was born in Boxford, Mass., November, 1775, and adopted the carpenter's trade as the means for a livelihood. His early work was done in Sugar Hill, and his later work at Whitefield; he followed his trade the greater part of his life. In 1800, he married Sally Howland, who was born in 1783. She was the daughter of George Howland of Situate, R. I., who was a very successful whaler of his time. In the days of his retirement from the pursuit of leviathan, he delighted to recount to his delighted grandchildren the adventures that he had met with on his voyages. Mr. Cole died at the age of eighty-one; he was a Democrat, and later a Republican. He held a commission as captain of cavalry in the State militia of Lisbon, N. H. Mrs. Cole departed to her home on high at the age of seventy-three. The children born to them were as follows: Samuel, Havens, Stephen, Mary, Sally, Asa, Mehitabel, and Solomon. Three children died when infants and unnamed.

Rev. Solomon Cole attended the district schools at such times as he might be spared in his work assisting his father and, therefore, his school education was somewhat limited. By hunting and trapping foxes, he had by the age of twenty-one, sold enough skins to net him \$50.00; this amount he gave his father, and started out in life to win his own way with only a shilling in his pocket. After reaching Manchester by a tedious journey afoot, he set about looking for work. He made an offer to a man to saw his wood for \$1.25 a cord, but having no saw, nor the ability of being trusted for the price of one, as he was an utter stranger, he was forced to borrow one. His last cent was paid out in getting it filed; with the first money earned he procured a new saw and sawed wood until he got a chance to work in the foundry to learn the trade at the wage of fifty-eight cents a day, and boarded himself. At nights he sawed wood to pay for his board; this he continued for one year, laying up his entire earnings until his employer, Seth Williams, moved to Nashua, and took on

our subject, giving him \$1.00 a day. Later on he took jobs in the foundry, making good wages by working hard and putting in long hours. He was next employed by B. J. Cole & Co. of Lakeport, N. H., as foreman, having entire charge of the iron works. For twelve years he was thus connected, during which time he represented Lakeport in the State Legislature for two years.

In 1866 he came to Lebanon and bought out the Purmort foundry and machinery in company with Mr. Bugbee, and did business under the style of Cole & Bugbee. The personnel of this firm has been changed from Cole & Bugbee to Cole & Leavitt, to Cole & Tilden, and to S. Cole & Son, under which name the large foundry business is now conducted, which has grown under his able management and supervision until it is one of the important industries of Lebanon, having a capacity for the employment of fifty men. In the great fire of 1887, our subject suffered a severe loss, amounting to \$50,000.00; he was, however, the first man to rebuild, and by his example to infuse new courage in many a disheartened financial sufferer. He has been warmly interested in the progress of the town as one of its leading promoters and has at many times benefited the town by his firm belief in its future development. He owns a fine residence on Green Street, besides other Lebanon real estate, and three summer cottages at York Beach, Me., where he has dealt extensively in real estate.

Rev. Cole married, on Nov. 5, 1846, Caroline Peaslee, daughter of Micajah and Judith (Choate) Peaslee; her father was a blacksmith of Goshen, Sullivan Co., and there Mrs. Cole was born Sept. 20, 1823. Their union has been prolific of five children. Viola married J. Clinton Paine of Boston, Mass., and has three children: Florence A., Helen M., and Raymond E. William B., the junior member of the firm of S. Cole & Son, married Annie Spencer, and occupies an elegant home on Green Street. Two children have been born to them: S. Blanche and Bertha M. Mary Belle married William P. Spencer of Lebanon, N. H., and they also have an elegant home on Green Street; she is the mother of two children, namely: Millard C., and Marjorie M. Willie C. and Elmer E. died at an early age.

Our subject was originally a Democrat, but has been associated with the Republican party

since its organization; he represented Lebanon in the Legislature of 1875-76 with distinction and credit to himself and the town.

From the days of early manhood Rev. Cole has been a profound student of Nature and the works of God; in 1836 he was converted, and four years later was baptized by Rev. Beniah Bean of Whitefield, and immediately the systematic study of the Scriptures was commenced; he was filled with devout zeal to impart the good tidings to others, and at various times and places held revivals that resulted permanently for the good. In 1870 he received license from the church to preach, and in 1876 was ordained a minister of the Baptist faith in Canaan, N. H., by Rev. C. N. Nelson and others. Although never neglecting his business, he has preached in Hanover, Canaan, Dorchester, and South Wentworth, and to this day supplies vacancies and fills pulpits wherever he can do the most good. His name will be ever held in reverence as a teacher of the Bible, and an instructor in its blessed teachings. He has traveled over 25,000 miles, preaching the Gospel in the outlying districts where they were too poor to pay for the services, and the contributions not enough to pay for the shoeing of his horses.

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MOSES S. PERLEY, one of Lebanon's business men, and a descendant of one of Grafton Co.'s early settlers, was born in the town of Enfield, this county, March 31, 1842; he is a son of Uri and Fanny (Sawyer) Perley, and grandson of John and Susanna (Goodhue) Perley.

John Perley was born in the town of Sanborn-ton, Belknap Co., N. H., and early in life went to Boston, and drove a team of oxen and horses together from there up through this part of New Hampshire and into the State of Vermont, bringing articles of merchandise to the early settlers and taking back to the metropolis farm products. The trip used to consume many days, amounting to a number of weeks, for the roads were not much more than trails cut through the heavy timber, and to proceed faster than a walk was well-nigh impossible much of the way. Nightfall was looked forward to with much pleasure, for in the country inns could be found



companionship, and to sit around the wide, open fireplace recompensed much for the weary journey of the day before; the provisions found in such inns was plentiful and palatable, consisting chiefly of wild game. Later in life John Perley came to the town of Enfield, Grafton Co., and bought some 200 acres of land, mostly unimproved, and in its natural state of forest. This farm he cleared in a great measure, and followed general farming until his death. Both he and his wife were of strong and sturdy constitutions and knew rarely a day's sickness previous to what preceded their death, at the age of ninety-one. Their children were named as follows: Abigail, Uri, Mary, John, Hannah, Joseph G., David G., Moses P., William G., and Edwin A.

Our subject's father, Uri Perley, was born in the town of Enfield, Sept. 27, 1803, and worked at agricultural pursuits until he had accumulated sufficient money to make a payment on a farm; this farm which he bought was located in the eastern part of the town of Enfield, and is the one now owned by Henry Nichols. Uri Perley lived there until 1870, when he sold it to his son, Moses S., and removed to East Village, now called Lockhaven, and retired from active farming life. His last days were spent with our subject at Lebanon, where he died, aged eighty-three. He was strong and active to the last, going down to the store the day before he died. His wife, Fanny, a daughter of Isaac Sawyer, born May 1, 1803, died May 22, 1896, at the age of ninety-three. Uri Perley was a Whig and then a Republican, and served his town as selectman and in other positions of a minor character. Four children were born to him: John Q., Rebecca S., Isaac N., and Moses S., the subject of this sketch. John Q. Perley, a graduate of Meriden Academy, was in the hotel business in Ottawa, Canada; he was also a merchant at Canaan, N. H., and then went west, where he became interested in land and manufacturing, proving himself a very successful business man. His home is in Monmouth, Ill.; he spends his winters in California, where he has a large orange orchard. Rebecca S. married L. C. Pattee. Isaac N. is a druggist of Lebanon.

Moses S. Perley, the youngest son in his father's family, attended the Canaan Academy, and stayed with his father until 1870, when he bought the homestead of 272 acres and carried

on general farming for two years. He then sold the property and purchased a farm on Shaker Hill, where he lived until 1882, when he sold and came to Lebanon, where he worked for his brother-in-law, L. C. Pattee, in the lumber business for six years.

In 1888 he bought a one-half interest in the store of Calvin Strong, and under the firm name of Strong & Perley ran a meat and canned goods market two years, when he sold his interest in the business to G. O. Abbott, and for a short time has assisted him. On Shaw Street Mr. Perley bought the Prof. Westgate residence and makes it his home, having remodeled and enlarged it and introduced modern conveniences.

Mr. Perley married Sarah J. Harris, daughter of William L. and Sarah (Pierce) Harris. Mrs. Harris was born in Yarmouth, Me., and died at the age of seventy-six. Mr. Harris is living with our subject and is retired from farming, at which he was very successful, at the age of eighty-two. He owns a fine farm which he looks after now. His children were as follows: Octavius, Octavia, Georgianna; Sarah J., our subject's wife; Emma; William, deceased; and Willie, also deceased. Our subject has one child, Fanny S., born March 13, 1870, who is a teacher of the French, German, and Latin languages. Mr. Perley is a Republican and has served two years in the town of Lebanon as selectman. He is a member of the Social Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 50, of Enfield.

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ABIEL CHAMBERLAIN, JR., a prominent farmer of the town of Bath, Grafton Co., N. H., was born on the homestead, where he still makes his residence, May 16, 1858. His parents were Abiel and Jennette (Dick) Chamberlain, the former of Bath, and the latter a native of Barnet, Vt. Our subject's grandfather was Phineas Chamberlain; he settled in Bath, bought a farm, and made it his home the rest of his life. In his political views he was a Whig, and served his town in the capacity of selectman in 1851-52. Home and family were his first care, and so he would accept of no office that would call him away from his chosen life. He married Betsey Downs, and their union was blessed by the birth



of seven children, namely: Abbie, Mary A., Elinor, Betsey, Abiel, Isaac, and George. The family were regular attendants and supporters of the Congregational Church of Bath.

Abiel Chamberlain was born in Bath, June 12, 1809, and completed his education in the schools of his native town. He then took up the vocation of an agriculturist, and lived on one farm all his life, engaged in farming, his death taking place fifty rods away from his birth-place. He was an active, hard-working man, and was brought up to toil from the extreme days of youth; he used to tell of driving oxen to haul logs off the mountain when only eight years old; he always raised wheat, and never bought a barrel of flour in his life. In politics, he was a Whig, and on the formation of the Republican party in 1856 joined the ranks of the new organization and was ever afterward loyal to its principles. He was twice united in marriage. His first wife was Jennette Dick of Barnet, Vt., daughter of Mary A. (Gaulton) Dick, who was born in London, and came to this country with her husband, making the trip from Boston to Barnet, Vt., on horseback through the woods, being guided by spotted trees. Of his first union, our subject's father was blessed with the birth of eleven children, only five of whom now survive, whose names are as follows: Betsey, Mary, Abbie, Herbert, and Abiel, Jr., the subject of this brief memoir. Jennette Chamberlain died May 16, 1858, and our subject's father formed a second union with Mrs. Mary A. Sanborn, sister of his first wife; she resides at present with our subject. Mr. Chamberlain died Aug. 21, 1889. They were Congregationalists in their religious preferences.

Abiel Chamberlain, Jr., after the completion of his common school education, under the school system of Bath, took up work in earnest on the home farm, and is still living on the paternal estate. One year previous to his father's death, he took full management, and has proved himself of a sound judgment, and more than ordinary executive ability. He held steadfastly to the principles advocated by the Republican party and is quite actively engaged in the local political life. He has been town school district treasurer and a member of the school committee. Our subject and Ailene M. Jackson were joined in the bonds of marriage in 1887. Mrs. Chamber-

lain's father was John Jackson, and was a resident of Rumford; her mother was Florentine Griffith of Dixfield, Me. Five children have become members of the Chamberlain household. The record reads as follows: Walter E., Ruby F., Abiel H., and Bernice M., and Max H., who are no longer living. They have allied themselves with the Universalist Society of Woodsville, N. H.

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DR. GEO. W. SHATTUCK, the subject of this personal history, whose name heads this notice, is engaged at present in the town of Lisbon, Grafton Co., in the practice of the medical profession and possesses a large and growing patronage. He is well-read, a deep and profound thinker, with good judgment and keen logical common-sense. These qualities, united to fine social address, tend to make him popular and command for him the confidence and esteem of the entire community. Possessing a strong ambition, and a high standard of professional excellence, with the aid and sympathy of a noble and womanly life-companion, he is well fitted to attain a front rank in his chosen profession and to secure in good time the permanent rewards of a successful and honorable career. He was born in Bethlehem, N. H., Feb. 24, 1861, and is a son of Chas. C. and Ursula (Wesley) Shattuck, and grandson of Stephen and Rachel (Nurse) Shattuck. Our subject was educated in the schools of his native town in Tilton Seminary at Tilton, N. H., and was a student in the Montpelier M. E. Seminary of Montpelier, Vt., for two years. He graduated from the latter institution in the Class of 1885, and then entered the medical department of the University of Vermont, located at Burlington, from which he graduated in 1888. In 1889 he located in Lisbon, N. H., where he has built up a large practice by his own efforts.

Stephen Shattuck, the grandfather of our subject, was born Aug. 27, 1788, and departed this life Oct. 9, 1859. He reared the following children: Abigail, born Sept. 8, 1816; Persis, Sept. 3, 1818; Peter R., June 8, 1820; Amanda M., Aug. 20, 1822; John N., (deceased), born July 2, 1824; Frances (deceased), born March 14, 1827; Charles C., Feb. 6, 1829; Susannah H., Sept. 1,

1831; Milo F., Sept. 11, 1834; Sabrina H., April 14, 1837; and William S., Feb. 15, 1840. The mother passed away Sept. 9, 1869. They were Methodists in their religious views.

Charles C. Shattuck completed his education in the common schools of Bethlehem and then turned his attention to the pursuits of agriculture. He owns and operates a large farm, and is accounted one of the prosperous and leading agriculturists of the town of Bethlehem, N. H., where he has lived and labored thus far in life. Politically, he acts with the Democratic party. He has served as selectman several times and has also done much work of a responsible nature, such as acting as administrator of estates. His wife, Ursula Wesley, was a daughter of John Wesley, a native of England and a descendant of the great Wesleys of Evangelistic fame. There were born to our subject's parents the following children: Charles H., who married Lillian Remmick, a native of New Hampshire; and George H., the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck are members of the M. E. Church of Bethlehem, N. H.

In politics, Dr. Shattuck is a Democrat, and is a member of the school board. In 1885 he joined his fortunes with those of Nell O. Bancroft of Plainfield, Vt., the daughter of Moses Bancroft of the same place. To Dr. and Mrs. Shattuck have been born two children, of whom only the younger, Gladys M., born in 1890, survives. Milo M. was the name of the elder. The Doctor and his wife are prominent members of the Congregational Church of Lisbon, N. H.

HENRY C. DEARBORN is the superintendent of the G. Z. Collins's Leather Board, Veneering, and Heeling Factory, and also the general manager of the H. C. Dearborn & Co. Leather Board Mills; all of Ashland, N. H. He was born in Woodstock, N. H., June 12, 1837, and is the son of Washington and Abigail (Cook) Dearborn.

Washington Dearborn was born in Lincoln, N. H.; early in life he mastered the blacksmith's trade, and worked at that as an occupation. He passed most of his days in Campton, where he purchased a farm in advanced life, and made it his home till death called him at the age of

eighty-three. His wife was the daughter of Samuel Cook of Campton, N. H. She was torn from her loved ones at the age of sixty-nine, the victim of consumption, after giving birth to the following children: Henry C., Amanda, Emily, and Rufus. Mr. Dearborn was a Whig adherent, becoming a Republican upon the organization of that party. Religiously, he was a member of the M. E. Church. His wife was a Free Will Baptist.

Henry C. Dearborn was educated in the district schools and in Newbury Academy. He came to Ashland at the age of twenty-four to work in the manufacture of leather board. For a time he was engineer in the paper mill of J. F. Keyes. Later he was employed in E. F. Bailey's Straw and Leather Board Factory, having entire charge of the mills most of the time. He then became superintendent of G. Z. Collins's mills, which are now under his personal supervision, and give employment to several hands. They are doing a large and profitable business.

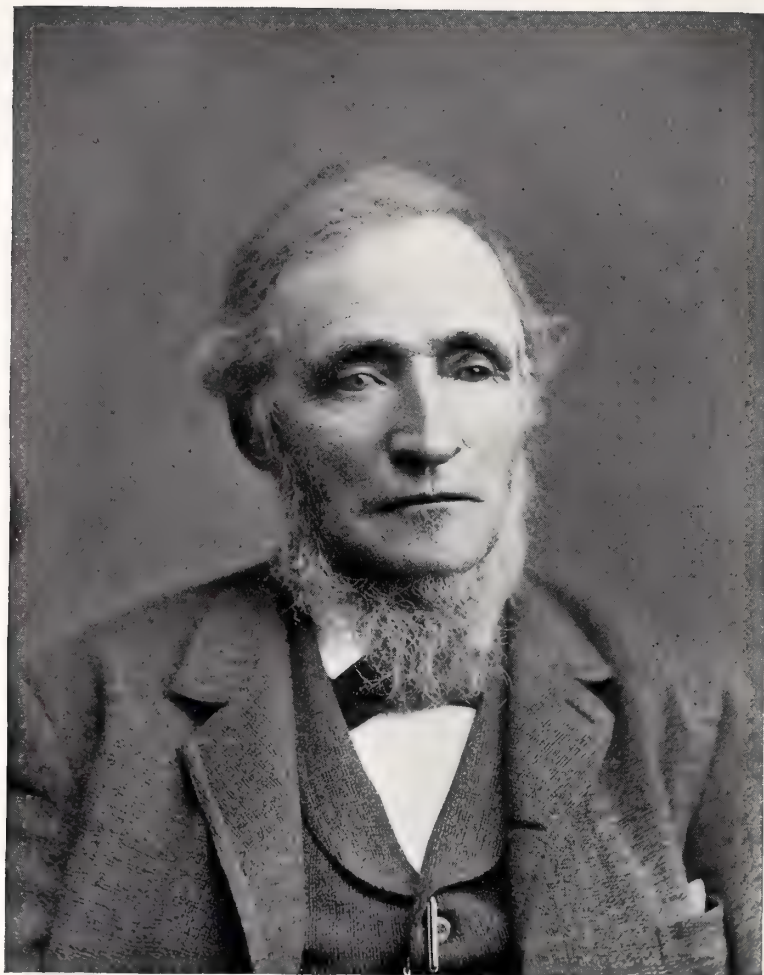
In 1893, he rented the Bailey Mills, and in partnership with G. Z. Collins and M. N. Goodrich of Lynn, Mass., under the firm name of H. C. Dearborn & Co., put in new and improved machinery, and has succeeded in building up a very successful trade. Mr. Dearborn has distinguished himself by his push and perseverance in business; his concentration on one line of industry has made him very proficient and has enabled him to make a comfortable competence out of his business. He has been very much interested in the growth of Ashland, and there is no more loyal citizen within her borders than our subject.

Mr. Dearborn owns a fine home in Ashland, and twenty acres adjoining, which he takes pride in referring to as his little farm. It was formerly known as the Reuben Whitten place. He has made many improvements in and around his home that add much to its beauty and attractiveness.

He married Frances Mary, daughter of Darwin Shepard of Ashland. They have three children. Adelle married C. R. Pease of Laconia, N. H., and has borne him two children: Arthur D. and Alice M. George H. is a carpenter, and resides in Ashland. Alice M. married F. P. Campbell of Alcott, Vt. Their union has resulted in one child, Mariam.







HON. JOSEPH W. CAMPBELL.



MRS. HANNAH D. CAMPBELL.





Our subject is identified with the Republican party, and represented the town in the Legislature in 1883. He has also served as selectman, and has held the office of moderator for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dearborn are members of the Episcopal Church of Ashland. They also belong to the Mt. Hope Eastern Star; he has served as its first Worthy Patron. He is a member of the Mt. Prospect Lodge, No. 68, F. & A. M., and served as Master of it for ten years; he belongs to Pemigewasset Chapter and Omega Council, in which he has served as High Priest. He is also a member of Grafton Lodge, I. O. O. F., and has been Past Master of the same; and is a member of Rebekah Lodge.

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HON. JOSEPH W. CAMPBELL, a retired tanner of Woodstock, N. H., is the son of Calvin Campbell, and grandson of David Campbell.

David Campbell lived the most of his short life in Henniker, N. H., where he was engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. His son, Calvin Campbell, was born in Henniker. Calvin's father died when he was a lad of four years, and consequently he was placed in a family at Hopkinton, N. H., where he was reared and educated. In his younger years and for a short time after his marriage he supported himself by teaching school. He then learned the tanner's trade and followed it in Hopkinton. At about the age of forty he removed to Salisbury, where he made his home for four years. He then went to Andover, N. H., and remained there four years. From Andover he moved to Hill, N. H., spending the remainder of his life in that town. He married Abigail, daughter of Isaac Blaisdell of Salisbury. Calvin Campbell died at the age of fifty-six; his wife survived him many years, finally departing this life at the age of eighty-three. The ten children, resulting from this union were: the first-born, Abbie, died aged about two years; Joseph W., Maria C. (Hersey), Isaac B., Abbie P. (Greeley), Horace J., George M., Calvin, Trueworthy B., and Martha L. (Hunt).

Hon. Joseph W. Campbell, the subject of this sketch, was born May 11, 1825, in Hopkinton,

N. H. He received his primary education in the common schools, and showed himself to be an apt student and most eager in his search for knowledge. He took an advanced course at Boscawen Academy. After he attained his majority he learned the trade of a tanner at Danbury, and worked at it a few years in that town. Leaving Danbury, he went to Hebron, where he had charge of Gov. Berry's tannery for five years.

In 1855 he moved to Woodstock, where he now resides, and became engaged in the tanning business on a large scale, continuing in that line until 1888, when his plant was destroyed by fire. In this business venture he succeeded from the start and possessed a very profitable and growing trade, when he was forced to retire by the all-devouring element. The buildings were large and roomy to accommodate the requirements of so prosperous a business. The main building was 120 feet long and forty feet wide, and to it were joined two wings, one 40x20 and the other 33x20. The receipts from the sale of product varied from \$60,000.00 to \$100,000.00 per year. Mr. Campbell's push and enterprise makes such a magnificent showing possible. He started in life with hardly a cent he could call his own, and by economy and by taking advantage of opportunities that offered themselves, has risen to his present place of independence and comfortable circumstances.

In 1850 he was married to Hannah D., daughter of Benjamin Emmons, Esq., of Hill, N. H. They have reared two children: Laura E. and George A. Laura E. married George R. Pattee of Barton, Vt. They have one child, Edith L. George A. married Mary Baird, and they live now in Laramie City, Wyoming. One child, a little son, died at four weeks of age.

Mr. Campbell has been an able and energetic man in all his social, political, and business relations. His general popularity is shown by his re-election time after time to important offices in town and State. It also speaks volumes for his ability to perform successfully the duties of those offices. He has served on the board of selectmen for about seventeen years, and as town treasurer about fourteen years. He has been a member of the State Legislature in seven sessions, having been elected three times without the slightest opposition. His political principles are Democratic. He was appointed in 1871 as

one of three commissioners to reimburse the towns of this State for municipal war expenses.

Socially, he is a member of the Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M.; and Pemigewasset Chapter, No. 12, R. A. M.

Mr. Campbell was one of the organizers of the P. V. R. R. He was one of a committee of three on the Construction Company; he has been a director in the company ever since the road was built.

The portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell appear on preceding pages of this book. Their value to the biographical records of Grafton Co. is manifest without any elaboration of statement.

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN JEWELL is the proprietor of the Mt. Livermore House, Hall and Club, which are first-class pleasure resorts, beautifully located on the shore of Squam Lake. He was born in the town of Holderness, Grafton Co., N. H., Oct. 21, 1849, and is the son of John and Lydia (Currier) Jewell, and grandson of John Jewell, Sr., who came from England and settled in the town of Sandwich, Carrol Co., N. H. There he lived the calm and peaceful life of a farmer. Fortune dealt kindly with him, for both he and his excellent wife lived to a good old age, and were very successful in their efforts to wrest a livelihood from the soil.

The father of the subject of this sketch was born Feb. 8, 1812, and learned the carpenter's trade, working both as a journeyman and as a contractor. He built many of the most prominent buildings now standing in Grafton Co. The Ashland Town Hall, the Episcopal Church of the same town, and many other large buildings in the neighboring towns of Plymouth and Lovell, Maine, where he lived for a time, were erected under his supervision. After leaving Lovell he came to Holderness and lived where Mr. Whitten now resides; later he purchased the Boynton farm, where he carried on his business. He is still enjoying good health. Mr. Jewell was a Democrat, and liberal in his religious views. His wife was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church; she died at the age of eighty-one. She was the daughter of Capt. John Currier, and was born in Chester, N. H.

Capt. Currier served in the Revolutionary War as a captain. He was a cooper by trade, and made bushel and half-bushel measures. After a number of years spent at that work he bought a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits. While working at this occupation he became acquainted with an Englishman, who informed him of the trained elephant, "Betty," owned in England, that was being exhibited about that country. Being of a venturesome turn of mind, Capt. Currier went to England, purchased "Betty," and brought her to America, where she attracted much attention, for she was the first one ever seen on this continent. He journeyed overland on foot, with his walking show, making tours through the States; he followed this occupation till "Betty" died, when he returned to farming, and departed this life while engaged in that pursuit, aged seventy-six. Without doubt he was the pioneer showman of the United States.

Mr. Jewell's children were: John C.; Huldah H.; Henry B.; Daniel H.; Mark F.; Benjamin F.; George E.; and Zella, who died in youth.

Benjamin Franklin Jewell was educated in the district schools; his start in life was made by peddling yankee notions afoot from house to house, carrying his own pack of goods. This he kept up for a year, when he was able from his savings to buy a horse and wagon, still carrying on the same retail business with these aids. Later on he became a wholesale dealer in confectionery and cigars, making his headquarters at Manchester, N. H. At length he deserted the wholesale business and settled in Lakeport, N. H., where he engaged in a dry goods and grocery trade, until he took up the profession of auctioneer. This profession he has followed more or less since, and to show that he has been one of the best in the State, it needs only to be said that he has acted as the master of ceremonies in 1,087 auction sales, either on his own account or for others.

In 1882 Mr. Jewell bought his father's farm, early known as the William Merrill place, of 125 acres. It has a beautiful location on the west side of Squam Lake, with a broad, open view. The house, that stood on the property, he remodeled into a pretty cottage, and as the location was very desirable, he began to take a few boarders. He soon found that he was forced to



turn many away, because of lack of room; so he determined to enlarge his facilities and erect a larger building. Accordingly he purchased 175 more acres of land.

In 1887-88 he built the Mt. Livermore House, adjoining his cottage, to accommodate forty more. This soon proved to be inadequate to the demand, and he was forced to build an addition to the house of twelve more rooms. He also erected a fine office. Then finding stables were needed, he built two, one 68x40, and the other 40x45; carriage houses were also put up; 300,000 feet of shingles were used to cover barns and carriage houses and other buildings. In this gradual fashion did a small undertaking develop into a successful and prosperous business.

As Mr. Jewell owned about one mile and a half of water front on the lake and also Potato Island, he began to improve it in 1888. He built a cottage on the island and one on a point of the land called Lake View—both cottages were for rent. The lake beach is very suitable for bathing, for it is of a clear white sand. Feeling that he might fill a long-felt want, or at least create a new one, Mr. Jewell built on the shore twenty-one bath-houses; to further improve the grounds, he cleared and trimmed the grove that fronted on the lake and made the whole into a lovely park. There are boat-houses, docks, boats, etc., for the accommodation of those aquatically inclined. Tennis courts near the beach invite the devotees of that popular recreation. West of the main building are golf grounds, croquet grounds, etc.; swings, hammocks, and inviting seats are scattered throughout the different groves. The most favorite locality is what is called "Lovers' Lane," which is lined on either side with white birch and oak; their branches, meeting in loving embrace overhead, afford a cool retreat on a hot day. This lane leads to Mt. Livermore, where one can see the whole lake spread out in all its beauty, and miles of the country-side; even the States of Maine and Massachusetts, with many villages and fine summer houses, make, themselves, a part of the pleasant landscape.

In 1895 Mr. Jewell, being encouraged by the handsome patronage he was receiving, determined to make certain improvements and alterations that would increase the pleasure and the comfort of his guests, and make his summer

hotel a still more popular resort. Accordingly, he built, adjoining the Mt. Livermore House, a large and spacious hall with a richly-designed brick and tile fire-place, polished hard-wood floors, and finely furnished throughout for the pleasure of his boarders. There is also a large and modern laundry connected with it.

In 1896 the enterprising proprietor of Holderness's popular summer resort built a handsome house, two stories high, 126x36; the rooms are all large and all face the front, each having a door opening on a broad veranda, from which one may obtain a broad, open view of the lake with its islands, with all kinds of water-craft, steamers, sail-boats, and row-boats dotting its glassy surface here and there. The house is furnished in a most tasteful fashion; it is finished in natural hard wood with fine polished floors, spacious halls, closets, etc. This notable addition to the accommodations of the place is connected with the other house by protected walks, and is furnished, as are all the rest, with abundance of sparkling, mountain water. Two acres of lawn in front serve to enhance its appearance.

All these improvements have been made by Mr. Jewell, and have been elaborated from ideas originating with him. When he first entered upon his possessions, what are now among the loveliest spots in the park then wore an uninviting aspect with tumbled masses of rocks and boulders. It would have taken a man with a rare gift of prophecy to have predicted the present appearance. The growth has been slow and gradual, like the blowing of a rosebud, unfolding its loveliness from day to day and giving increasing promise with every passing hour. We would not say that the improvements on the estate have already advanced to completion; we would say, rather, that we have only seen the beginning, and that greater results are to follow in due time. We have no doubt that the success of the past will be far eclipsed by those of the seasons to come. Mr. Jewell is to be congratulated for evolving so pleasant and grateful a resort for the pleasure of lovers of the natural beauties of New Hampshire.

Our subject also owns a large maple grove, from which he obtains his own syrup and maple sugar. His herd of choice Jerseys and Devonshires supply his table with rich, pure milk and



cream. His garden and orchard of grafted fruit furnish many good things for the refreshment of his guests.

Mr. Jewell was married on Feb. 5, 1873, to Annie, daughter of Capt. Alonzo Lane of Frankfort, Me.; Capt. Lane lost his life at sea. Mr. Jewell and wife have two children: Abbie F., born Sept. 4, 1875; and Georgie E., born Aug. 5, 1879. Our subject is a Democrat, and has served as selectman as well as in other town offices of trust and responsibility.

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ORA A. BROWN, of the firm of Hughes & Brown, largest general store in Ashland, and also town clerk and town treasurer, was born in Bridgewater, N. H., March 4, 1864. He is the son of Horace and Mary A. (Fletcher) Brown, grandson of Samuel and Susanna (Dolloff) Brown, and great-grandson of Stephen and Anna (Davis) Brown.

Stephen Brown was born in Plymouth, N. H., and was the second male child born in the town of Plymouth. He was a progressive farmer, and aided much in the development of this section of New Hampshire. He settled in Bristol, which was then a wilderness and uninhabited; he endured all the privation of a pioneer life. He died at the age of seventy-two; his wife survived him a few years, departing this life aged eighty-five. They had a family of twelve children, eleven of whom grew to maturity.

Samuel was the second son, and was born in 1793. He settled in Bridgewater, and took up the occupation of farming and became very successful. He was one of the original members of the M. E. Church of Bristol, where to-day a memorial window keeps his memory alive. He passed away in 1868. He was a firm Republican. His wife was born in 1800, and died in 1879. Four children were born to them: Solomon, Horace, Levi D., and Warren S.

Horace Brown was born Aug. 15, 1825. He finished his education at Hebron Academy. At the age of twenty-one he left the parental roof and went to Collinsville, Conn., where he worked at the manufacture of axes, and became a skilled workman in all the branches. The dust from the steel, however, seriously affected his throat, so

after working there several years he was forced to give up, and accordingly returned to the old homestead, where he died at the age of forty-nine years and eleven months, of bronchial trouble.

He married Mary A., daughter of Jesse and Patience (Hobart) Fletcher of Westford, Mass. Jesse was a son of Amos Fletcher, a minuteman of the Revolution. His occupation was farming. Jesse Fletcher was a cooper by trade, but after laboring at his trade for several years, he purchased a farm in Groton, N. H., in 1826, and made it his home for thirty-five years, when he disposed of his property, and moved to Rumney; there he carried on his old trade as a cooper, until he died at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. He was an active member of the M. E. Church for sixty-five years, and took much pleasure during his last hours in singing his favorite hymns. His wife died in 1878, aged ninety-two years. They were both held in the highest esteem by a large circle of acquaintances. Their children were: Thomas J., Sarah, Daniel, Eliza, Rebecca, Clifton, Alden, and Mary A.

Horace Brown and wife, Mary A. Fletcher, became the parents of four children. Burdette H., a carpenter by trade, married Anna R. Cass, who has borne him two children: Lillian J. and Grace B. Wilfred F., a drug clerk, married Minnie E. Reed. They have two children: Ethel M. and Mary L. Ora A. is the subject of this sketch. Sarah A. died, aged one year and five months. Our subject's father was a Republican, and served as selectman of the town. Ora A. Brown's mother was of old Puritan stock, she being a descendant of Robert Fletcher, who came from England and settled in Concord, Mass., in 1630.

Ora A. Brown received a good common school education in his youth in the town of Bridgewater. At the age of eighteen he left home to clerk for Hughes & Huckins, general merchants of Ashland, N. H., with whom he remained seven years, during which time he took a business course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College at Boston.

Jan. 1, 1889, he bought a half interest in the store, and it has been conducted since under the firm name of Hughes & Brown. They carry a very large line of dry goods, boots and shoes, groceries, hardware, building materials, etc.—in

short they have the largest and best equipped store in the county. Mr. Brown is one of the solid young business men of the town, and owes his present position to his own efforts. He is a thorough business man, honorable and upright in his transactions, wide-awake and energetic, and as a neighbor and as a citizen he is held in high esteem by his townsmen.

Mr. Brown bought the J. Baker home on Highland Street, and has remodeled and enlarged it, fitting it with all the modern conveniences. On June 1, 1893, he joined his fortunes with those of Addie S. Cheney, daughter of Col. T. P. Cheney, whose sketch appears elsewhere. They have one child, Ruth C., born April 26, 1894.

Mr. Brown is a Republican, and has served as town clerk since 1888, and as town treasurer since 1890. He is a liberal supporter of the M. E. Church. Socially, he is a member of the Mt. Prospect Lodge, No. 69, F. & A. M.; Pemigewasset Chapter. He served two years as Master in the Lodge.

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JONATHAN F. KEYES, one of Ashland's highly honored and esteemed citizens and retired business men, was born in the town of Hancock, Hillsboro Co., N. H., Aug. 23, 1811. He is a son of Abner and Susan (Barton) Keyes, and is descended from Solomon Keyes, who emigrated from England, in 1650, and settled in Massachusetts.

Abner Keyes came from Brumly, Mass., with two brothers, and made a settlement in the town of Hollis, Hillsboro Co., N. H. Later on he removed to the adjoining county, selected a place of residence, and made it his home for the rest of his life. He married Susan Barton. This worthy couple lived to a good old age, and raised a fine family of ten children: Abner, Jr., Ruth, Jonathan F., Veranes, Horace, Ephraim, Corydon, Hazen R., Alfred, and Albert B.

Jonathan F. Keyes passed the years of his boyhood much the same as boys of to-day who live on the farm. His serious life-work began when he was apprenticed to the art of paper-making; he served until his time expired at the age of twenty years, when he bought a mill at Bennington, N. H., where he carried on a flour-

ishing business until 1848, when he removed his plant to the site of the present Knitting Mills of Ashland, and operated his mill in that place for a number of years.

In 1861 he failed in business, and his assets were only sufficient to pay the creditors fifty cents on the dollar; but he had many friends who wished him well and assisted him in opening and carrying on a general store in Ashland. By this means he succeeded in paying his creditors their claims in full, and presented his financial backer with a check for \$1,000. Mr. Keyes's conduct in this affair discloses the reason for his great popularity. Through his whole long business career he has maintained a reputation for strict integrity, enterprise, and fair dealing, that have won him the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances. It may be justly said that there can scarcely be found a finer example of honorable, noble manhood than what is possessed by our subject.

After the settlement of his business affairs he bought twenty acres, situated on the edge of the village, and built himself a home there. He has since sold off many lots from the original plat, and they are now covered by a number of fine dwelling-houses. He still owns four acres of the property; he has also some tenement houses, and an elegant block on Main Street, containing stores and offices.

His fellow-citizens, recognizing his many excellent qualities, have elevated him a number of times to stations of trust and honor. He has served as selectman, town treasurer, county commissioner, and president of the Agricultural Association. He was instrumental in getting Ashland set off from the town of Holderness. His name is familiar in all parts of the State as a zealous worker in the cause of temperance. He has not spared himself in the least in the advancing of this noble cause.

In 1872 he retired from active business, but has been able to attend to all his property and other necessary business, even at his advanced age. He is now enjoying life after its many years of toil. He is a finely proportioned and well-built man, with clear-cut, noble features, which go well with the high esteem in which he is held.

In his later years he has been connected with a venture that has had extraordinary success.



In 1880 he agitated the question of a savings bank, and was one of its most enthusiastic projectors at the time of its organization. For a time the bank's home was in one of Mr. Keyes's buildings. He held the office of treasurer for a number of years, and when he left the bank had deposits amounting to \$100,000.00

His first wife was Mary Woods, and they were blessed with ten children: Orlando, Mary, Lucy, Susanna E., Henry F., Alice J., Fanny M., Josephine W., Joseph, and Mary. Having lost his wife he married again, the lady of his choice being Susan Kelly Roberson. He also lamented her loss, and accordingly married his third wife, Mrs. Abbie R. Kimball, widow of Harrison G. Kimball, and daughter of Huse and Sarah (Rines) Richards.

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CORYDON WALLIS COOK, a retired merchant of Campton, N. H., was born in Campton, N. H., Aug. 6, 1820, and is a son of Coffin and Rebecca (Baker) Cook, grandson of Ephraim and Sally (Merrill) Cook, and great-grandson of Samuel Cook, who came from Newburyport, Mass. He settled in the town of Plymouth, Grafton Co., and was one of the first settlers of that town, where his descendant, Alfred Cook, now lives. He cleared a good farm, and departed this life there at a good old age.

Ephraim Cook settled at first in the northeast part of the town of Campton, and did some work in clearing his farm, but later moved back to Plymouth and finished his life there at the age of sixty. His wife passed away at about fifty years of age. Their children were: Edmund, Moses, Daniel, Ephraim, Sally, Jacob, Coffin, Lois, Gillman, Charles, and George. His second wife was Mrs. Russell, and by her he had two children: Walter and Almira.

Coffin Cook, son of the foregoing, was born in Plymouth, and at an early age entered the milling business. He built the first permanent mills that were ever built in the town of Campton. They have been since destroyed by fire. In this business he was very successful, and acquired a comfortable competence. He built a house, but sold it later, and built the house now occupied by our subject. He also owned some land,

which he took much pride in working. He was a Whig, and was one of the first fifteen in Campton that voted against slavery. From the organization of the Republican party till his death he was a Republican. His death occurred May 4, 1865, in Tamworth, N. H., at the age of sixty-six; it was caused by accident in Meredith, by the falling in of the town hall floor some ten years previous. His wife died at the age of thirty-four; she was the daughter of Col. Moses Baker, who was one of the prominent, leading men of Campton. He was elected to many offices of trust and responsibility, among which are the following: town representative, senator, justice of the peace, and as a surveyor. The family of Coffin Cook was composed of three children: Corydon W., Louisa, and Hannah B.

Corydon Wallis Cook passed his happy boyhood days in much the same way as the boy of to-day; he received his education in the public school, and also private lessons from the Rev. Benjamin P. Stone, who was a very well-educated man, and gave Corydon the best of instruction. At the age of nineteen he went into a store as a clerk. Desiring to set up in an independent business, our subject was helped by a friend to purchase a horse and cart, and peddled yankee notions and tin for a number of years. At length he entered the store of Albert G. Folsom at Meredith Bridge, as clerk, and remained with him in that capacity for sixteen years, giving the best of satisfaction by his honest efforts to please. He became head clerk and had full charge of the establishment. In 1859 he came to Campton and bought the Blaisdell store and carried on a general business for thirty years and seven months, being connected with one store longer than any other man in this part of the county. Our subject then sold to E. H. Keniston and retired from the trouble and care of active business life. His retirement has been well earned, and he bears the greatest respect of his townsmen, who appreciate sterling worth. He has always been a firm, uncompromising Republican, and has served as town clerk, but has refused all other offices which have been urged upon him many times.

On Nov. 30, 1844, he was joined in marriage to Miss Sarah J., daughter of James Garman of Gilmanton; she has been his close companion







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through life till separated from him by death. She proved herself a most devoted wife and a tender, loving mother. She died Aug. 11, 1889, at the age of sixty-six, of consumption. One child was born to them, Charlie B., who departed this life, in 1882, aged twenty-nine years. He was a clerk in his father's store, and was a bright young man of many excellent qualities, with a splendid future before him. His death has proved a severe blow to his devoted parents and to his host of friends. Our subject is a member of the Congregational Society, and could always be counted upon when assistance was needed in any worthy cause. Mr. Cook is a member and Past Grand of the Winnipiseogee Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 7, of Laconia, N. H. He has been a member in good standing since 1848.

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HON. JOHN L. SPRING, a prominent member of the legal profession, practicing in Lebanon, and one of the most popular attorneys of Grafton Co., was born in Newport, N. H., Jan. 14, 1830. He is a son of John C. and Lorena A. (Jaquith) Spring, grandson of Josiah C. and Betsey (Clark) Spring, and a great-grandson of Converse and Mary Spring.

Converse Spring was a native of Watertown, Mass.; in 1780 he moved to Peterboro, N. H., where he bought a farm and cultivated it till his death, April 13, 1812, at the age of seventy-seven. Two children survived him and perpetuated his virtues and excellencies of body and mind. They were: Josiah C., born in Peterboro, N. H., June 29, 1764; and Silas, born Aug. 30, 1766, who married Mary C. Stuart.

Josiah C. Spring succeeded his father on the homestead, working it for a time and then going to Newport, N. H., where he bought a farm and rounded out his years. He married, in 1784, Betsey Clark, who was born Aug. 10, 1764; both were of very strong and hearty constitutions, and lived to a good old age. They reared a large family of children, most of whom lived to exceptional ages, and were noted for their fine bearing and physique. This is the record: Libbie G., born April 17, 1785, died in 1870; Betsey, born June 8, 1787, died at the age of ninety-five; Alpheus, born Sept. 12, 1789, lived

to an old age; Converse, born Sept. 11, 1791; Sarah G., born July 6, 1796, lived to be over ninety years of age at her decease; Mary Ann, born June 9, 1799, died at the age of seventy; Horace B., born Sept. 14, 1802, died at the age of eighty-four; John C., born July 16, 1804, died Feb. 6, 1854; and Amelia M., born in 1809. The grandfather of our subject was very successful in life, and at the time of his decease owned a large farm.

The father of our subject adopted farming as his chosen calling, and prosecuted it with a fair degree of success in various localities of New Hampshire. He was located first in Peterboro, then in Washington, and next in Newport; from the last named place, after selling his property, he went to Utica, N. Y., and ran the Mansion House of that place for a number of years. His health at last failing him, he disposed of his property and came to Wilton, N. H., where he retired from active labor and spent his last days in seclusion and quiet. He was a large man of powerful build and was noted for the many feats of strength he indulged in, for he was always sure to be the strongest man in whatever locality he made his home. His health was broken by such trials of strength, and by over-work. He has transmitted his fine presence and bearing to our subject, who if not given to performing feats of strength, has certainly the constitution and build requisite. His wife, who was a daughter of Ebenezer Jaquith, was born Jan. 24, 1810, and was called away to the blessed abodes to rejoin her husband Jan. 25, 1891. Three children made up their family: John L., Charles H., and Emma J.

John L. Spring attended the district schools, and at an early age began the study of law under Hon. C. W. Woodman and Hon. Thomas J. Wentworth, both of Dover, N. H., and was admitted to the bar at Manchester, N. H., in 1860. He opened an office for the practice of his profession in Wilton, N. H., and spent about one year in that place, removing thence to Milford, N. H., where he had nine very successful years of practice to show for his residence. In January, 1870, he came to Lebanon, where he was by no means a stranger, and where his reputation for legal ability was already firmly established. The care and sagacity which has marked the conduct of his private affairs and made them



successful, has made his advice and counsel highly valued and has made them much sought after in connection with other business matters. His legal arguments are constructed very much after the manner an imposing building is erected: first and most essential is the solid foundation of facts, upon which rests an exquisitely wrought out and conceived logical superstructure, which impresses one with an idea of grace and solidity, without in the least appearing heavy or wrongly proportioned.

On March 5, 1856, he married Ellen M., daughter of William Fountain of Moriah, N. Y., and has had four children born to him. Arthur L., born Feb. 25, 1857, was educated at Lebanon High School, Kimball Union Academy, and Dartmouth College, graduating from the latter institution in 1880. He studied law in his father's office, and graduated from Boston University Law School in 1883, returning to his father's office as a partner, under the style of Spring & Spring. He was associated with his father for four years, cutting loose at the end of that time and practicing alone in Boston. He ably sustains a fine reputation as a versatile writer and fluent speaker. The second son, Clarence W., born April 15, 1859, is a graduate of Dartmouth College, and Harvard Medical School, and is now enjoying a successful practice as a physician and surgeon of Fitchburg, Mass. Carrie M., born Oct. 28, 1860, married Charles S. Clark, and lives at Lowell, Mass., although at present a resident of Washington, D. C. John R., born Dec. 16, 1875, is attending Dartmouth College.

The subject of this short biography was a Whig originally, but has been a Republican ever since the formation of that party. He has served the town as selectman, as moderator, supervisor, and as member of the school committee. He represented the town in the Legislature during the sessions of 1891-93-95. He is vice-president of the American Bar Association for New Hampshire. Mr. Spring is prominently connected in Masonic and Odd Fellow circles; he joined the I. O. O. F., Nov. 22, 1854, and is now a member of the Mascoma Lodge, and has been Grand Master, and Grand Patriarch of the State for four years. He has been a member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for several years, and is also a member of the Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M., and also of the Blazing Star Chapter of Nashua.

Our subject owns a fine residence on Bank Street, Lebanon, which he built in 1871; a number of tenements are also counted among his possessions in the way of real estate. He is a stockholder in the Riverside Mills and Everett Knitting Works, and is attorney for both the Savings and National Banks of Lebanon.

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FREDERICK VON TOBEL, M. D., the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, is one of Lebanon's young but tried physicians and surgeons, of whom we are proud to say that he has gained a very lucrative and profitable practice since his location in that beautiful New Hampshire village. His office is situated at the corner of School and Park Streets, and is one that has been used by men of the medical profession for the past thirty-five years; Dr. Von Tobel's predecessor was Dr. Raynes, who in turn followed Dr. Davis; so even our subject's surroundings are of the best and may have some occult influence over his generally successful work.

Dr. Von Tobel was born in Torrington, Conn., Feb. 1, 1867, and is a son of John Henry and Appolonia (Hitz) Von Tobel, who were both born in Zurich, Switzerland, and of German extraction.

Our subject's father at the age of twenty-two came to America, landing at New York in 1847; shoemaking was his trade, and he worked at it until his health showed signs of giving away, and he was forced to take to open-air work as the only means of prolonging his life. With the earnings he had saved he bought a farm in Warren, Conn., later going to Harwinton, but finally settling at Torrington, Conn., where he lived till he was called home in 1875 at the age of fifty. He was a splendid type of the self-made man, acquiring a home and a good competence, besides raising eight sons and furnishing them all with good educations. In politics he was a Republican. He worshipped at the Congregational Church. His wife still lives on the old homestead at Torrington. Their children, all of whom are living and enjoying good health, are as follows: Henry, Joseph, Charles, William, Edward, George, Frederick, Albert.

Dr. Von Tobel was educated at Torrington

High School and in Wesleyan Academy of Wilbraham, Mass., and graduated in 1892, at Baltimore from the College of Physicians and Surgeons that is located there. He at once commenced his practice at Meriden, N. H., where he succeeded Dr. F. W. Edwards; he continued there four years, gaining many warm friends and warm admirers by his skillful and zealous work. But desiring a larger field and being fully able to fill a more responsible position, he came to Lebanon, in 1896, and succeeded Dr. Raynes, who in the days of his active practice was one of Lebanon's most famed physicians, but is since deceased. From the start our subject won the confidence of his predecessor's patrons and has been extraordinarily successful in building up a practice. His known ability and prompt attention and unflagging zeal given to each call are no doubt the greatest factors in his success.

Our subject married Rose B., daughter of Edwin R. Miller of Meriden, N. H., and has been made a happy parent of one child, which was born July 26, 1896, and named Julian M. Dr. Von Tobel is a stanch Republican and never willingly lets slip an opportunity to aid the party of his adoption. He was a member of the board of health while a resident of Meriden. He is a Congregationalist.

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ALMOND H. COOK, one of the leading citizens and farmers of the town of Campton, was born in that town July 17, 1831, and is a son of Col. Moody and Lucy (Eaton) Cook, and grandson of Lieut. Moody Cook.

Lieut. Moody Cook was born in Newburyport, Mass., and was among the first settlers of Campton. He bought the farm, now owned by Stephen Avery, and was engaged in clearing it, preparatory to its cultivation, when the Battle of Bunker Hill took place. He at once sold his farm, enlisted in the Continental Army, and served meritoriously three years, when he came back and bought 1,000 acres in this town, known as the bog district. He erected a log-house, and set about clearing the land of the heavy growth of timber. He eventually cleared and put under cultivation 100 acres, and later built a small frame building. He held the office of lieutenant in the State militia. In his religious views he

avored the Congregational Church, and throughout life he remained a consistent and worthy member of that organization. In addition to his work in farming, he also followed the trade of a cooper to some extent. To his three sons he left three farms, all of good fertile land, and susceptible of great cultivation. He died at the age of eighty-nine. His children were: Thomas, Edmund, Moody, Amanda (Mrs. Ellsworth), and Abigail (Mrs. Tolman), and seven others, names not given.

Col. Moody Cook, the second son of the foregoing, remained with his parents till their death, and inherited the homestead, consisting of 300 acres, and later owned about 200 acres in addition, adjoining the homestead. The homestead is owned at present by Mr. Hill, and the house and barns, that are still standing, are the work of Moody Cook, Jr. He died there at the age of sixty-nine. His wife passed away at the age of seventy-seven; she was the daughter of Daniel Eaton. In politics he was a Whig, and later became a Republican. He was the colonel of the 14th Regiment of State militia. He served in the different town offices, and was selectman for a period. The Congregational Church was the church of his choice. His children were: Sarah Ann; Daniel, who did not reach maturity; Hannah, who also died while in her youth; Joseph; Samantha; Lucy; Hannah P.; A. Hastings; Daniel E.; and Arthur B.

Almond H. Cook received his education in the district schools, and although he was not able to attend very regularly, yet because of his hard work while there, and his determination to make his little schooling of some practical benefit, he obtained a good business education. His early life was spent at home; he remained with his parents on the homestead until his parents died, when he was given the homestead. Soon after he sold the farm and purchased the Glines place, which is a river farm of 200 acres, where he has since resided. He has enlarged the house and made many other valuable improvements. He pays special attention to the breeding and raising of fine, blooded stock. He has a very choice dairy. Some of the best horses ever raised in Grafton Co. have been the products of his farm; one span sold for \$1,000.00.

On Sept. 11, 1855, his fortunes were united in marriage with those of Sarah M. Merrill, who



was born in the town of Campton, June 8, 1836. She was the daughter of Hardy and Myra (Noyes) Merrill, who pursued the trade of a carpenter, and late in life settled down to the calm life of a farmer. He became one of the leading and most influential farmers in the town of Campton; he lived to the age of eighty-six, as did his wife also, there being a difference in their ages of seven days. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill's children were nine in number, and were as follows: Henry was born Dec. 12, 1830. Alfred was born June 5, 1833. When the war broke out he enlisted in Co. I., 5th N. Y. Vol. Inf. He served fourteen months, and then was taken sick, and in consequence of his illness, discharged. Later in the war he enlisted in the United States Artillery, and served five years as a bugler. Sarah M. is our subject's wife. Mary E. was born April 16, 1838. Edward P. was born Dec. 16, 1839. Nathan L. was born Feb. 16, 1842. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. I., 12th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf. He served four years; he was taken prisoner at Chancellorsville, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. Benjamin N. was born March 24, 1844. George F. was born May 18, 1846. Elmira J. was born Nov. 10, 1848.

Our subject's wife, Sarah M., was a granddaughter of Enoch and Sally (Wells) Merrill, who was the son of Enoch Merrill, Sr., who came from Newburyport, Mass., and settled on Beech Hill; the old homestead is now owned by Miss Cathie Smith of Boston, and is used as a summer boarding establishment.

Our subject has been made the proud parent of eight children, all of whom are living with the exception of one. Herman B. was born Aug. 16, 1856, and married Luella Holmes. She has borne him one child, Myra C. He carries on a large business in the hack and boarding stable line at Roxbury, Mass. Alfred M., born May 1, 1858, married Isabelle J. Hill, and has two children: Hardy M. and Mildred. They lost one child, who was named Miriam. He has a large market and produce store in Roxbury, Mass. Nellie, born July 31, 1860, is at home with her parents. Jennie L., born Nov. 22, 1862, is a dressmaker in Boston. Edward H., born Sept. 13, 1865, is with his father in general farming and horse raising. He is a selectman of the town of Campton, and is very prominent in the town as an efficient business man. His integrity and

energetic qualities have given him a high place in the estimation of his fellow-townsmen. Clarence K., born Oct. 25, 1868, is a bookkeeper in Boston. Lucy E., born Sept. 25, 1871, is by occupation a teacher and stenographer. Myra N., born April 5, 1876, died at the age of seven.

Our subject has always supported the Republican ticket, and although capable to fill any office, he has repeatedly refused to have his name used in connection with any office. The family are warm supporters of the Congregational Church. He belongs to the Grange, and there are few members more active in Grange interests than he.

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HON. WILLIAM S. ELA, ex-president of the Lebanon Savings Bank, is one of the oldest of the retired carpenters and builders of Grafton Co.; he possesses the highest esteem of his townspeople of Lebanon, and is counted as one of its most solid and substantial citizens. He was born in West Lebanon, N. H., June 19, 1807, and is a son of Benjamin and Abigail (Emerson) Ela.

Our subject's father was of a sturdy line of Scotch-Irish, noted for their longevity and hardy endurance. The Ela family in America dates back to the time of the first settlements. Benjamin Ela, who is supposed to have been born in Haverhill, Mass., came from that place with a capital of a skilled knowledge of cabinet-making and settled in Hartford, Vt., where he lived and worked at his trade for a time. However, not finding much demand for the products of his handiwork, he was forced to relinquish it and find a more profitable business. Being of a very ambitious nature and fertile in resource, he soon found a way in which to court the smiles of dame Fortune. He removed to West Lebanon, and in company with a Mr. Moulton went into the business of preparing corned beef. They bought the fat cattle, converted it into corned beef, barreled it, and took it to different points to dispose of it. The business soon developed great possibilities, and they accordingly built scow boats and freighted them with produce, bought from the country round about, and took the loads thus made up down the river, selling the boats when the cargoes had



been discharged. They carried this on for several years and found their efforts crowned with success; the next step of Mr. Ela was to move to Concord, and there to build boats and make similar trips on the Merrimac River. In 1817 he bought some thirty acres of land, where our subject now lives, and in 1818 moved there; he also bought another farm in the town of Lebanon, where William H. Ela resides, and carried on farming operations until he retired from active labor. He died at the age of seventy-three; although he was born a poor boy, yet he was enabled by an indomitable will and a strict attention to business to amass a good fortune. His wife departed this life at the age of fifty-seven. Their children were as follows: Susan, Abigail, John, George, William S., Benjamin, and Richard. In politics he affiliated with the Whigs, and with the Republicans for the last few years of his life. He was one of the first men of his time and place, and was sent to the Legislature on several different occasions to represent the town. He was often made the administrator of estates, so great was the confidence reposed in his honesty and good judgment.

The subject of this sketch, at the age of seven-teen years, commenced his apprenticeship to the carpenter's and joiner's trade; previous to this he had managed to acquire a good education by improving his time in the public schools and in Lebanon Academy. For a number of years he worked at his trade as a journeyman; finally, at the age of twenty-three, he undertook contract work, and many good, substantial buildings of Lebanon to-day show his workmanship and good judgment in the selection of the best materials. His work was invariably done in the neatest and most substantial manner. Many residents of the town to-day are proud in being able to point to their house and say that it was built by William S. Ela.

Mr. Ela inherited his father's homestead on Hanover Street; the house underwent a change under his skillful hands, emerging much improved and beautified and fitted up in a modern manner. He then laid out the land into village building lots, which found a ready sale; it has proved to be one of the prettiest of the streets in the village. In addition to his own fine residence, he owns tenements, which he keeps in the best of repair. He is without fail found

among the leaders to agitate and to support needed improvements essential to the true progress of the town. Being a staunch Republican, he has served the town some seventeen years as selectman, for twelve successive years of that time he was first selectman. He represented the town in four sessions of the Legislature, in 1854-55-56, and in a special session. He was also town treasurer for a number of years.

In 1857 he retired from contracting and building and gave his aid and influence toward the organizing of the Lebanon Savings Bank and was elected its first president and chairman of the board of directors, which office he held until a few years ago. He was also president of the National Bank of Lebanon for twenty odd years. Each year he spends several months in the west looking after his extensive landed interests.

In 1832 he united his fortunes with those of Louise R. Greenough, daughter of Brackett Greenough of Lebanon; she died in 1868 at the age of fifty-seven. Two children were the fruit of this union: Richard, who died at the age of twenty, in 1855; and an infant son. In 1871 our subject married Elizabeth Kendrick, daughter of George Kendrick of Lebanon.

In his younger days he was a member of the Mascoma Lodge, I. O. O. F., but in later years, because of the extensive interests demanding so much of his time, he allowed his membership to lapse.

At his advanced age Mr. Ela is still able to attend to all of his business; he can hear nicely and reads without the aid of glasses. He still retains much of his youthful suppleness and vigor and finds no trouble to get around a good deal. He has never known any severe sickness, perhaps due in great part to the important fact that he has always been very temperate in his habits.

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FRANK A. SMITH, M. D., a native of Grafton Co. and one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Lebanon, N. H., was born in Haverhill of this county Sept. 16, 1855, and is a son of Henry A. and Sarah M. (Pike) and a grandson of Anson A. and Mary (Rice) Smith.

Our subject's grandparents were both born in Cavendish, Vt. The father of Anson A.

Smith came from Hartford, Conn., and was among the early settlers of Cavendish, Vt. His occupation was that of a farmer; he served in the War of Independence. Anson A., the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, after his marriage settled in Haverhill, N. H., near the center of the town, where he followed farming for many years; he is now retired at the age of eighty-nine years, and resides at Piermont, N. H. He was deprived of the cheering presence of his wife in middle age. In politics, he was a Whig, and is now a Republican. Four children were born to him: Henry A., George, Harvey, and Melissa.

Henry A. Smith learned the painter's trade, in which he became a skilled workman; the fumes from the paint, however, induced Bright's disease, and his life was cut off at the early age of thirty years, in 1863. His wife, the daughter of Isaac Pike of Haverhill, died in 1886 at the age of fifty-four. Three children were born of their union, who were named as follows: Henry I., who is superintendent of the Pike Manufacturing Co. of Evansville, Vt.; Frank A., the subject of this brief memoir; and Fanny M., who married L. M. Locke of Lebanon.

Our subject, being left a poor boy at the age of eight years, without father or money, went to Wells River to live with Mr. Abiel Chamberlain. He assisted him five years in the farm work in return for his board and keep, obtaining a little schooling at intervals. Then for a number of years, until he took up the study of medicine, he was engaged in the mercantile business; his first employment in this line was at Biddeford, Me., as clerk for Andrews & Co., dealers in general merchandise; after four years of faithful service with them, during which time our subject carefully saved his wages, the firm started a branch store and took in Mr. Smith as a partner. After one year he disposed of his interest, and with J. H. Cutting, under the firm name of Cutting & Smith, opened and conducted successfully for a year a general merchandise store at Woodsville, N. H. At the end of the year Mr. Smith disposed of his interest and entered the New Hampton Literary Institute, from which he graduated in 1881. He then entered upon the study of his profession in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City; in 1884 he graduated and went to Felchville, Vt., and

succeeded to the practice of Dr. C. W. Lock. He soon developed a nice practice and spent five years of pleasant service, which were invaluable to him in later practice. Desiring a larger field, he moved to Springfield, Vt., where he remained three years, removing thence to Lebanon, one of the thriftiest towns in the State, where he at once entered upon a practice which has steadily grown with every year of his residence. His experience and ability have won him the confidence and admiration of the people in general. He has made an excellent start in the world and has himself to congratulate for his present high standing in the community and among the members of his profession. He is in every respect a self-made man, and is indebted to no one for his education, having earned every cent of the sum he utilized for entering the ranks of one of the most honorable of professions. He affiliates with a number of influential medical societies, belonging to the following organizations: New Hampshire Medical Society, Vermont Medical Society, White River Medical Society, and Connecticut River Valley Medical Society.

Soon after his practice became established in Lebanon he purchased the Colby Benton estate, comprising a large house and extensive lawns on Bank Street, near the Park. The house has been remodeled to suit a doctor's requirements and fitted up with modern conveniences; his fine office and reception room are located in the same. He married Alice M. Warren of Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Charles P. and Mary (Elliott) Warren.

Charles P. Warren was born in Haverhill and is a son of Luther and Martha (Niles) Warren, who was a wide-awake, progressive man, owning a large farm and mills on the Connecticut River. He carried on the business of rafting lumber down the river on a large scale, until he caught cold and died at the age of forty-two with lung fever. His children were: Martha, Luther P., and Charles P. Charles P., Mrs. F. A. Smith's father, carried on farming and lumbering at Haverhill and Bristol, N. H., and Weatherfield and Springfield, Vt. He died in 1895; his wife preceded him. All their children, who numbered six, were born in Haverhill. This is the record: Roxie L., John, Mary, Alice, Harriet, and Lucretia.







GEORGE H. TURNER.

Dr. Smith has been presented by his wife with four as fine children as one would care to see; they are: Mark A., born Sept. 10, 1886; Paul C., born May 12, 1892; Martha R., born Nov. 14, 1894; and Wade Warren, born Jan. 18, 1897. Dr. Smith is a Republican. He was a charter member of the Springfield, Vt., Lodge, No. 45, I. O. O. F., and is a Past Grand of it. He took a demit from it and joined the Mascoma Lodge of Lebanon, No. 6. He is also a member of the Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M., of Lebanon; of the A. O. U. W.; of the Pilgrim Fathers; and of the Langdon Club.

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JAMES N. TURNER, a retired farmer of Bethlehem, N. H., was born in the above town, April 18, 1824, and is a son of Timothy P. and Priscilla Ballou (Bullock) Turner, the former of Bethlehem, N. H., and the latter of Westminster, Vt. He is a grandson of James Turner and great-grandson of Samuel Turner. Samuel Turner was a soldier of the French and Indian War and later of the Revolutionary War. He eventually left his home in Bernardston and came to Bethlehem, where he died in 1800.

The grandfather of our subject, named James Turner, was born Nov. 24, 1762, in Bernardston, Mass.; he came to Bethlehem, N. H., in 1789, and was the third person to settle in that town. He was a farmer by occupation, and carried on that pursuit all of his life; he settled on a farm, which has descended through his son to his grandson, the subject of this personal history. He married Mercy (Smith) Parker of Hanover, N. H., and to him and his wife were born three children, namely: Esther, Mary, and Timothy. James Turner died in 1835, and his wife in 1842. They were Congregationalists in religious belief.

Timothy P. Turner taught school a few terms after the completion of his own education and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he followed all his life in the town of Bethlehem on his parents' farm. He was a leading man both in business and in politics. He was a Democrat, and served the town some twelve or fifteen years as town clerk; represented the town in the State Legislature at Concord; and was

justice of the peace several years. He was married, Feb. 9, 1818, to Priscilla Ballou Bullock, daughter of Nathaniel Bullock, a native of New Hampshire. There were born to our subject's parents nine children, as follows: Lodema I., Esther Ann, James N., Charles S., Hiram N., Harriet N., Timothy N., William H., and Hiram N. Mr. Turner's death occurred in 1872; his wife preceded him ten years, passing away in 1862. They were members of the Congregational Church.

Our subject, having received an education in the schools of Bethlehem, N. H., turned his attention to the pursuit of agriculture, farming at first in the summer and teaching school in the winter. Upon his father's death he inherited the paternal estate, which had been in the possession of the family since 1789, when James Turner, the grandfather of the present occupant, settled upon it. In 1864 Mr. Turner opened his spacious farm-house to summer boarders; the facilities have been much enlarged since that time, and they can now accommodate seventy-five people. It is nicely located in the eastern part of Bethlehem Street and commands an excellent view of the White Mountains. Mr. Turner is a Republican and has served as justice of the peace several years, besides holding other minor town offices; he is not of the ambitious type of men who aspire after and long for public offices, but is content to do what is asked of him.

He was married in 1857 to Mary Ann Hall, daughter of Enoch Hall, a native of the Green Mountain State. Three children have been born to them, namely: George H., Fannie B., and William H. George H. Turner married Susan R. White, and they have four children: Mary E., Helen E., James A., and Gertrude W. Fannie married Hiram Q. Ward of Danville, Vt.; they have two children, Robert T. and Henry H. William H. is single and resides at home. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are members of the Congregational Church.

George H., the eldest son of our subject, is engaged with his father in business. He is at present county treasurer, being his own successor, having been elected in 1894 and again in 1896. He has also served in minor offices, having been justice of the peace for ten years, and its present incumbent. He served on the board of selectmen, was a member of the board of edu-

cation several years, and is serving as road commissioner, a position he has held for three years. Mr. Turner and wife are Congregationalists.

The publishers of this volume take great pleasure in presenting the portrait of George H. Turner, as a prominent politician, and as a young man who has by his efficient work risen from one position of trust to another, until he now holds one of the most important county offices.

NATHAN HAMMOND BATCHELDER, at present actively engaged in representing first-class insurance companies in the village of Haverhill, N. H., was born in Bridgewater, N. H., April 20, 1833. His parents were Deacon David Batchelder and Sally Thompson Willard, and his grandparents on his father's side were Simeon Batchelder and Mary Marston. The following children made up the family of Simeon Batchelder: Polly, Benjamin, Caleb, Simeon, David, Betsey, Jemima, Phoebe, Martha, and Nancy. Most of them settled on farms in the vicinity of the place of their birth.

David Batchelder was born Sept. 12, 1798, in Bridgewater, N. H., and devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. He was married to Sally Thompson Willard in 1821, and there were born to them these children: Louisa L.; David W., who died at two years of age; Charles W.; David; Lucinda T.; and Nathan H. Sally T. Willard was born in Bow, N. H., Feb. 21, 1802. Her father, Moses Thompson Willard, was a soldier in Col. Carter's regiment of Concord, and was killed in the battle of Plattsburgh, Sept. 11, 1814. On March 19, 1801, Mr. Willard married Melitabel Robertson, and five children resulted from the union, as follows: Sally T., Eliza L., Moses T., Roxana, and Nancy. Mrs. Willard was a sister of John Robertson, who, when sixteen years of age, was a drummer-boy at the Battle of Bunker Hill, serving thereafter constantly until the cessation of hostilities, meeting his death at length in 1809 by drowning at Garvin's Falls. A railroad station near the city of Concord still bears his name in that of "Robertson's Ferry". Mrs. Willard died Nov. 28, 1814, less than three months after her husband had fallen, never to

rise, in the defense of vital principles of American liberty, leaving five children orphans, all under thirteen years of age. Roxana and Nancy, the two youngest, died in youth. Eliza L. married John Hammond, and settled in Sanbornton, N. H. Moses T., thrown largely on his own resources when a mere lad, managed to acquire a liberal education, graduating from Dartmouth Medical College in 1833, and immediately beginning the practice of dentistry in Concord. He ranked high in his profession and gained distinction as an ardent advocate of temperance and similar reforms, receiving excellent proofs of the esteem in which he was held in the frequent elections that were given him to places of trust and honor. Among a number of offices he held those of Postmaster, Alderman, and Mayor of the city of Concord, where he resided until the close of his life, in 1883.

Deacon David Batchelder died in his native town July 12, 1833, the cause of his death being a druggist's fatal mistake in giving him a deadly poison when only a harmless medicine was ordered. Thus early in her married life was a family of children left to the care of our subject's mother, who scarce twenty years before had been left the eldest of a group of orphan children. She subsequently married Paul Perkins, a devoted Free Will Baptist preacher, who died in Hebron, April 3, 1843. One child, Ruth, who is deceased, was the sole issue of this union. Following is the record of the brothers and sisters of our subject: Louisa L., who married Orrin Gordon, and after his death married Joseph Kidder, died in Concord, October, 1891; Charles W. died in Concord, April, 1890; David, Jr., died in Florida, June, 1890; Lucinda T., who married Levi Nelson, Jr., died in Bristol, April, 1895. The mother died in Concord, February, 1883.

Nathan H. Batchelder, very soon after the death of his step-father, began in a large measure to "make his own way." Until seventeen or eighteen years of age he worked on farms in various localities, and attended school in winter. In this way he attended school in Hebron, Plymouth, Bristol, Franklin, and Concord, at the latter place pursuing a course of studies in the high school. When in Franklin he learned the carriage-maker's trade, and worked at it until he was twenty years old, when he went to Concord, and assisted in the dentist's office of his uncle,



Moses T. Willard, but gave it up after two years on account of failing health. In February, 1856, he came to Haverhill, where, with the exception of a few years in Bristol, he has since resided, carrying on in his own interest for a term of years a prosperous business in the manufacture of carriages and sleighs. From 1865 to 1872, he made life insurance his principal business, representing the Continental Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn., as its special agent for the entire State. From 1872 to 1875 he was in the lumber business in Bristol, where he built a mill, and also devoted some of his attention to carriage-building. In 1875 he returned to Haverhill and engaged in the manufacture of carriages and sleighs. Since 1890 he has been interested in life insurance, being the special representative of the Provident Mutual Relief Association, of Concord, N. H.

Mr. Batchelder was married in Bradford, Vt., Dec. 21, 1856, to Isabella B. Hovey, who was born in that place Aug. 1, 1836. Her father was Dudley Hovey, a miller by trade, who was born at Strafford, Vt., of Abner and Lois (Tucker) Hovey. Mrs. Batchelder's mother was Ruby Allen, the daughter of Pelatiah and Lettuce (Knapp) Allen. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Hovey made the following record: Simeon A. was a soldier in the Mexican War; Eber D. became a sea captain, and lost his life at sea in attempting to rescue others from drowning; Alvin S. served in the Mexican War, and afterward died in Texas; Joseph M. died in Glenwood, Iowa; Mary L. married Hiram F. Herbert of Haverhill, in which place she still lives; John N. resides in Nebraska; Lewis S. lives in Iowa; George I. died in infancy at Bradford, Vt.; and William B., who lives in New London, Conn.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Batchelder: Fred Perkins, born Dec. 17, 1864; and Mary Hovey, who was born Sept. 13, 1869, and died Oct. 26, 1869. Our subject and his wife are both members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Batchelder is a Free Mason, a member of Grafton Lodge, No. 46. In politics, he is a Democrat in national issues, and a firm advocate of prohibition. Good men and sound principles receive his support, no matter what the party.

Fred P. Batchelder was educated at Newbury Seminary, and Haverhill Academy, graduating from the latter institution as class valedictorian.

In 1886 he was graduated in the classical course with the degree of B. A. from Dartmouth College. While in college he was an ardent "fraternity man," and in him Theta Delta Chi ever found a loyal supporter. Both class and fraternity gave him all the honors within their powers. At graduation he was class poet, and his poem was said to have been the finest given at Dartmouth for many years. He pursued a post-graduate course under the direction of Andover Seminary, and Boston University, earning the advanced degree of Master of Arts in 1889. He taught school first in Junction City, Kansas, and has since been connected with the educational systems of Nantucket, South Hadley, and Florence, Mass. In politics he is a Democrat, and when in Kansas took an active part in Populist politics; he stumped the county for the party, and was its nominee for county solicitor, but came home just previous to election, owing to his father's illness. While principal of the Nantucket High School he was admitted to the Massachusetts bar as a practicing attorney in 1891, but has devoted himself chiefly to educational work, both as principal and superintendent, in which capacity he has met with marked success; he is now at the head of the school system of Florence, Mass. He has been a contributor to several magazines, and has appeared in the lecture field.

He was married at the Church of the Covenant, Junction City, Kansas, Aug. 31, 1892, to Zadie Ethel, eldest daughter of Col. and Mrs. C. H. Purinton. Mr. Batchelder is a member of a number of secret orders, among them being the Knights of Honor, the Orientals, the Grange, the Woodmen, and the Masons.

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CHAS. S. WOODMAN, D. D. S., of Ashland, N. H., born Feb. 6, 1854. He is the son of Charles and Jemima (Avery) Woodman, and grandson of Isaac and Mary (Locke) Woodman. Isaac Woodman was born in Barrington, N. H., and passed most of his years on a farm in Woodstock, N. H., dying there at the age of sixty. His wife, who was born at West Campton, N. H., made him the parent of five boys and a girl.

Charles, one of the sons of Isaac Woodman, was born in Woodstock, received his education,

and afterwards taught several terms of winter school there. He was engaged in the grocery business in West Thornton for nineteen years, until his health began to fail, when he bought a farm in Bridgewater, where he lives at the age of seventy-four. His wife was Jennie Avery of Campton; she has passed her sixty-eighth birthday. The children that have been born to them are: Jacob A., Addie C., Charles S., Lyman B., Corydon E., and Austin E. Mr. Woodman is an ardent Republican, and has served in various town offices.

Charles S. Woodman, D. D. S., was educated in West Thornton. When fifteen years old he went west with his uncle, Joseph Woodman, and assisted him on a stock farm for five years, after which he returned east to Ashland, where he worked as a dyer in a woolen mill for four years. Then after completing a business course at New-hampton, N. H., he went to Chicago, Ill., where he studied dentistry, and graduated from the University of Chicago in 1879.

He began the practice of his profession in Elburn, Ill., where he met with gratifying success for three years, when he removed to Ashland. There he started on a modest scale, for the only accommodations for an office that he could obtain was one small room, that he uses now for receiving patients. In such cramped surroundings did he begin his practice, a practice that has enabled him to fit up the finest working laboratory in the county. His wife's health, which had failed while west, had now recovered and proved a source of much encouragement. His success has been gratifying to all who know him; he has not only been very successful in general dental work, but he has, by his careful and thorough workmanship, acquired an enviable reputation as an expert in artificial teeth, making an average of 125 sets per year.

Our subject is the proud owner of a fine estate in Ashland, which he purchased from Esther Shepard. His orchard contains a very choice selection of plums. He is a lover of fancy poultry, and has a yard of pure-blooded Wyandottes, thoroughbreds, with all the fancy points, which are so significant to the poultry judge, and obtains from \$1.50 to \$3.00 a dozen for the eggs, for breeding purposes. He is also exceedingly fond of fine horses. One of the finest in his stables is of Hambletonian and Wilkes blood

with a good pedigree. A two-year-old and also a four-year-old that he has raised, are not only beauties in form, but are also among the most promising of the best steppers in the county.

Dr. Woodman was joined in marriage with Rosa P., daughter of John Hill of Ellsworth, N. H., July 4, 1878. They have a family of two children: Hallie L. and Joseph E.

Dr. Woodman is a Republican, and has served several years as supervisor. He is a liberal supporter of the Free Will Baptist Church. He is a member of Mt. Prospect Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 68. He belongs to Grafton Lodge, No. 16, I. O. O. F., and is Past Grand Master of the same, and a member of the Encampment. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W., and has served through the chairs.

ALFRED WEBSTER, one of Campton's prosperous and well-to-do farmers, was born in Campton Village, N. H., Nov. 24, 1837. He is a son of David and Phebe F. (Clark) Webster, and a grandson of Eliphalet Webster. Little is known of our subject's grandfather, except that he was engaged in the pursuit of agriculture all or most of his life.

David Webster was born in Holderness, Sept. 1, 1794, and settled in the town of Campton. His most successful venture was transporting freight to and from Boston by horse teams and wagons. The journey took up ten days, five days to Boston and the same time back; his freight to Boston consisted of farm produce, which he exchanged for merchandise for the several merchants in this vicinity. In this work he was very successful, and carried on a large trade; one of his loads he had weighed by the city weigher of Boston, and it tipped the scale at seven tons and 776 pounds. He finally retired from this business and bought a small farm of J. Keniston; he built a house and barns, and made it his home till his death, which occurred Feb. 28, 1861. He married as his first wife Olive H. Smith, who was born Feb. 22, 1799, and died May 17, 1825. Her children were: William R., born Feb. 19, 1820; Annette G., born May 14, 1821; Erastus, born April 2, 1823. His second wife was Phebe F. Clark, whom he married Nov. 29, 1827; she was



born April 21, 1806, and departed this life July 16, 1871. Her children were as follows: Olive Jane, born Oct. 19, 1828; Charles G., born Aug. 16, 1830; Jason, born Jan. 10, 1833, and met his death in the late war; David, born April 14, 1835; Alfred, born Nov. 24, 1837; and Emily A., born Nov. 26, 1839. Mr. Webster was a Whig and later a Republican, and took an intelligent interest in all matters that pertained to the good of the community. He served as tax collector, and in other of the minor offices of the town.

Alfred Webster received his educational training in the public schools of Campton, and at the age of fifteen began to work at agricultural pursuits. Aug. 15, 1862, he enlisted in Co. C., 13th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf. He served three years, and was discharged in 1865. Immediately after his enlistment his regiment was sent to the front before Fredericksburg, and was present in the campaign around Suffolk, Richmond and Petersburg. While helping to unload cannon he received his only injury, a broken leg, that incapacitated him from active work for a time. When he returned home from the war he began working in the Mad River Woolen Mills, commencing at the very bottom and working his way to the top. For the past twenty-nine years he has worked more or less at the trade, and for the last fifteen years he has assorted wool for the factory, becoming a very proficient expert at that important branch of the work. He cared for his parents in their old age, and bought the old homestead, remodeling the house and erecting new barns. He bought fifty acres of arable land adjoining, and also 200 acres of timber and pasture land on Hodgman's Hill. His wife owns the old Nason farm of 100 acres of good valley land, where our subject built a new barn, and has otherwise improved. With the assistance of his two sons he cultivates both farms.

Mr. Webster married, in 1866, Elsie Kendall, daughter of Jesse Kendall of Campton. She died about the age of thirty-six, after giving birth to one child, Nettie E., who was born June 29, 1867, and married William Biglow, and has one child, Olive, as the issue. Our subject's second wife was Lydia M., daughter of George and Maria (Durgin) Wallace; he married her June 24, 1870. Mr. Wallace was born in Sandwich, but settled in Thornton, where he made a decided success

of farming after commencing with practically nothing. He used only the latest and most improved methods of soil cultivation. He died at the age of sixty-one; his wife passed away at the age of seventy-three. They were blessed with three children: Marcellus, George H., and Lydia M. He was a Democrat politically. He favored the Free Will Baptist Church.

The union of our subject with Lydia M. Wallace has been blessed with the following children: Julia M., born April 18, 1872, and married B. F. Carter, and resides in Haverhill, N. H.; Jason, born July 21, 1874, assists his father in the farm work; George W., born Oct. 7, 1875, also assists on the farm; Phebe L., born Sept. 6, 1880, lives at home with her parents. Mr. Webster is a firm Republican, and is well informed in all matters of public interest. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post.

MRS. MARY J. MITCHELL is the widow of the late Timothy W. Mitchell. He was born in the town of Thornton, June 7, 1821, and was a son of Elijah and Eliza (Webster) Mitchell, and grandson of Isaac Mitchell. Isaac Mitchell was born in Hartford, Conn., and came to Grafton Co., settling in Thornton; he afterwards moved to Canada, and died there at a good old age. He was devoted to the pursuit of agriculture all his life.

His son, Elijah Mitchell, bought a farm in Thornton and engaged in farming to a considerable extent. He built a carriage shop, and entered upon the manufacture of carriages, being one of the first to engage in this line of industry in Campton Village. He died of heart trouble when sixty-seven years of age. His wife lived to be over eighty-seven years old. The following children were born to them: Timothy W., Eliza A., Phoebe P., Frederick A., Emily, Elijah, Jr., Sarah, Clara, Marcia, and Harlan P. In politics Mr. Mitchell was a Whig, and later in life, after the dissolution of the Whig party, he was a Republican. He was a colonel in the 14th Regiment of the State militia. In his religious views he was a Baptist.

Timothy W. Mitchell early in his life learned the wheelwright's trade, and worked at it a number of years. Mr. Mitchell had been named after



Mr. T. W. Webster, and Mr. Webster being in feeble health, and also his wife, they asked Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell to come and live with them. Mr. Webster's home is known as the Sunset Hill House, where he kept traveling men; he also owned a large quantity of land where the beautiful village of Campton is now located. Mr. Mitchell and wife took the best of care of the aged couple till death put an end to their labors. It was found after their death that all the property was given to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell. From that time our subject's husband carried on farming, and owning the grist-mill operated that profitably. He was one of the most enterprising business men that have ever cast their lot in with that of the village of Campton. He was very active in the improvement of his property, and seemed to have a secret insight and to know instinctively what plan was the best. He was extremely popular with everyone, and gained their good-will in an unassuming, unpretentious way. In politics he was a Republican. He was one of the most active and earnest members of the Baptist Church, and played the bass viol in the church for fifty years. He died July 27, 1879.

He married Mary J., daughter of Luther and Mary (Dickey) Tucker. Luther Tucker was born in Concord and was a son of Eliphalet and Anna (Foss) Tucker. Eliphalet Tucker was a teacher, and very skilled he was at his profession; he was highly educated, and was a man of marked ability and government. Late in life he settled in the town of Thornton, but died in New York City. His children were: Arthur; John; Delia, who died young; and Luther.

Luther Tucker, our subject's father, bought a farm in Thornton, and followed farming and working at his trade of shoemaker. His two farms were located on Mad River Street; they are now owned by Alva Morrison and Wesley Dearborn. Luther Tucker died at the age of forty-five from overwork, which wrecked his constitution. His wife was called to join the loved ones gone before at the age of eighty-six; she was very agile and nimble up to a short time before her death. The following children were born to them: Arthur, an infant that died; Elizabeth; Mary J., the subject of this notice; and Jerusha R.

Mrs. Mitchell is the mother of the following children: Luther T., born Jan. 19, 1843, enlisted

in August, 1862, in Co. D., 9th N. H. Vol. Inf. He was taken prisoner in the Battle of the Wilderness and confined in Andersonville Prison, and in being transferred to Florence he became exhausted, and died Dec. 15, 1864. George H. was born Sept. 13, 1844, and died Jan. 9, 1862. Colonna H. was born July 11, 1847, and died Aug. 26, 1870; he married Lovina Glover. Mary E., born Dec. 22, 1850, married Charles A. Walker, an artist of Chelsea, Mass. They have been blessed with two children, Gertrude M. and M. Leon. Garryt D., born Jan. 15, 1854, married Hannah Howard, and has one son, Howard D. Mr. Mitchell is a contractor and architect of Chelsea, Mass. Charles F., born Feb. 7, 1860, is a steel engraver of Boston, Mass.

In 1890 our subject erected a handsome cottage in the old home locality of Campton Village, where she has lived since, with the exception that she spends some winters in Boston; in summer her children come to visit her. She is blessed with a strong and vigorous constitution, and bids fair to live many years yet. She is held in the very highest esteem by a large circle of friends, and is found to favor every worthy cause, and is ever ready to proffer her valuable assistance. She is very popular among all classes of people, and her many nobilities of character are frequently extolled.

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JONATHAN M. CHENEY, M. D., of Ashland, one of the most successful physicians and surgeons in the county, was born at Ashland, N. H., in 1863. He is the son of Hon. Col. T. P. Cheney, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this book.

Our subject has received a very liberal education. His primary education was obtained in the schools of Ashland; he then attended New Hampton and Tilton academies and prepared for college. He selected the University of Vermont, and graduated from the Medical Department in 1887, and entered upon the practice of his profession in the same year at Rochester, N. H. In 1888 he came to his native town and opened an office; from the very start he won the confidence and support of his fellow-townsmen. In addition to his local practice, he has country calls from all directions. He is much in demand





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among his brother physicians and surgeons as a consultant. He is a graduate of the New York Post Graduate School and Hospital, and Boston Polyclinic. He gives special attention to surgery and is a careful and skillful operator.

He bought for his home the house formerly owned by Dr. Dana, on the corner of Highland and School Streets. This he has remodeled and fitted with modern appliances; his office is at his house.

Dr. Cheney joined his fortunes with those of Miss Lucy Ashland Hughes, on Dec. 25, 1887. She was the first child born in the town of Ashland after its division from Holderness, hence her name. She is the daughter of Barnet Hughes of Ashland. Three children have been born to them: Mary E., born Oct. 25, 1888; Thomas P., born Aug. 17, 1891; and Lucy M., born April 6, 1893, and who died May 10, 1893.

Dr. Cheney is a Republican, and has been United States pension examining surgeon seven years, and consulting surgeon at the Soldiers' Home Hospital at Tilton, N. H., for several years. He is a member of the State Medical Society; he is a member of Mt. Prospect Lodge, F. & A. M.; and of Pemigewasset Chapter, R. A. M.

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HENRY C. PHILLIPS of Woodsville, N. H., superintendent of the county farm, was born in Alexandria, N. H., Jan. 19, 1865; he is a son of John F. and Sarah A. (Pattee) Phillips, and a grandson of Alva and Ruth (Sleeper) Phillips. Alva Phillips was born in England and adopted this country as his home and followed the occupation of farming here. His wife's father was Peter Sleeper. John F. Phillips was born in Alexandria and followed agricultural pursuits until 1885, when he opened up a store for general merchandise in the village of Alexandria; he retired from business in 1895, selling his store to his son, W. A. Phillips. John F. Phillips has been a man conspicuously active in local politics. He is a Democrat. He has held all the important offices of the town; he was selectman for several terms, representative for two sessions, moderator at nearly every town meeting, and is at present a member of the school board. He is a Mason and has taken the thirty-second de-

gree. Mr. Phillips is a member of the M. E. Church. His wife was a daughter of William Pattee and Miss Laurie. Nine children were born to our subject's parents; they are as follows: Allie, who died in infancy; Ella R., deceased; Henry C., the subject of this sketch; Arthur, deceased; William A., a merchant of Alexandria; May, deceased; Herbert L., who is making his home with his father; Christy, deceased; and Lou Belle, a stenographer and typewriter of Ashland, N. H. Mr. Phillips is a veteran of the late war.

Henry C. Phillips attended the common schools of his native place until his fourteenth year, when he put a year to good account in the Commercial College of New Hampton. When fifteen years old his mother died and our subject went away to work on a farm in summer and in the lumber woods cutting timber in the winter. Then for about eighteen months Mr. Phillips was employed in Mason & Perkins paper mill at Bristol, finally returning to agricultural life and operating a farm, which he purchased, until he came to Woodsville, April 1, 1893, to take charge of the county farm, succeeding H. R. Morris.

He found the farm very much run down and in serious need of a radical change in its management. Upon the recommendation of the county delegation of water works commissioners of 1893-94, consisting of Messrs. E. W. Herbert, W. F. Parker, and Henry F. Greene, appropriated the sum of \$4,000.00 to be used in improving the water supply. The improvements, made under our subject's direction, were such that the water obtained from a river well is stored in a reservoir situated on the hill, with a capacity of 50,000 gallons. Four hydrants, supplied with six-inch cast iron pipes, were put in, thus giving the county buildings adequate protection from fire.

Previous to Mr. Phillips's taking charge of the farm the hay crop had been sold from the farm each season with the false economic idea that by so doing the cost of the maintenance of the institution would be lessened. Mr. Phillips has changed this system by keeping seventy-five head of cows, and producing a monthly income of \$200.00 by the sale of the milk to the creamery. The hay and the fodder crops of the farm had not been worked to the greatest advantage

under the former management, and the land had not been kept in a good state of cultivation by frequent fertilizing. In 1893 only eighty-five tons of hay and five tons of corn fodder were produced. In 1894 the yield had been raised to 150 tons of hay and twenty tons of fodder. In 1895, which was a poor year, more stock was pastured than in previous years, and even then the yield was good, there being 129 1-2 tons of hay, seventy tons of ensilage (having built a silo in the meantime), and ten tons of corn fodder. The record for 1896 is one of which our subject may well be proud: 200 tons of hay stored in the barns, 300 tons of ensilage (more silos having been added to the original one, making altogether three silos, each with a capacity of 100 ton), and eight acres of corn still unhusked at the time of this writing.

Not alone were the fields in poor condition; the buildings were in sad want of repair, steam pipes were tied up with rags, roofs were leaking, and a general state of disorder and chaos prevailed. Everything has now been placed in ship-shape condition, buildings have been re-roofed and repaired wherever needed; full records are now kept of all business transactions connected with a proper management of the farm. Although the cost has been considerable in placing the farm in its present condition, yet the future expenses will be diminished in large part. In 1893 the average cost per inmate per week was \$1.14 1-3; in 1894 it had risen because of extensive repairs to \$1.60; in 1895 it about held its own, still owing to the many improvements not completed in the previous year, amounting to \$1.57; in 1896 a considerable diminution will be noticed, for the average cost per inmate per week will only approximate \$1.10. The county commissioners, by whom the work was authorized, during 1895-96, have been Messrs. Henry F. Green, James F. Huckins and Horace F. Hoyt.

Mr. Phillips was married Oct. 10, 1885, at Alexandria to Hattie M. Clark, who was born in Alexandria, and was a daughter of Aaron Clark, a farmer of Alexandria, and Mary Maston of Epsom, N. H. Aaron Clark was a son of Samuel Clark of Dorchester, N. H., a member of a family of strongly-marked Scotch descent. Samuel Clark's wife was Mary (Swain). Mrs. Phillips is the third child of Aaron and Mary

(Maston) Clark. The record is as follows: Emma married Laurence Goudie, a carpenter of Lisbon; Cynthia married Japeth Gray, a farmer of Alexandria; Mattie M. is the wife of our subject; Samuel is living at home with his parents; and Jennie, who married Charles Gray of Alexandria. Mrs. Phillips is a faithful and devoted member of the M. E. Church of Alexandria. Our subject is a member of Grafton Lodge, No. 46, F. & A. M. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served as tax collector one year and as selectman for the town of Alexandria two years.

The publishers of this Book of Biographies have inserted Mr. Phillips's portrait in this work in connection with his biography, as a fitting representative of that rising class of young men who at their chosen vocation of farming have met with the most flattering success.

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ISAAC H. SMITH, a prominent farmer and the proprietor of a large summer boarding-house of the town of Holderness, was born in Sanborn-ton, Belknap Co., N. H., Dec. 27, 1831. He is a son of Capt. Elisha and Abigail (Clark) Smith, and grandson of Elisha and Mary (Hoit) Smith.

Elisha Smith, Sr., settled in Sanborn-ton, N. H., where he followed the worthy occupation of farming. There he cleared a new farm, and became a well-to-do man. He was killed in a runaway accident when at the age of sixty-four. His wife lived to be eighty-two years old. Twelve children were born to them: Elisha, Samuel, Benjamin, Betsey, Lydia, Nancy, Barnard, Langdon, Polly, Charlotte, Charles, Benjamin.

The eldest son, also named Elisha, learned to make clocks, serving a seven years' apprenticeship at Concord, N. H.; he worked several years subsequently at his trade. Later he manufactured them under his own name; many of the high, old corner clocks of that part of the State that are running to-day are of his make, and bear his name on their faces. This business he followed until the demand for them became too feeble, owing to the introduction of clocks of a more modern style. He then sought employ-



ment in various machine shops, and readily found it, for he was a skilled workman. He worked in the shops of Dover, Manchester, and Lowell. He died at the latter place of typhoid fever when fifty-two years old. His wife, who was the daughter of John Clark, joined those gathered on the golden shore when seventy-seven years of age. Their family consisted of: Catherine T., Sarah C., Mary O., Isaac H., John C., Van Buren, George E., and an infant.

Isaac H. Smith received a good common school education, and made a start in life by peddling milk in the city of Lowell. He kept at this for seventeen years, when he engaged in the meat business in Winchester, Mass., for twelve years. He then sold his interests and retired from business. Coming to Holderness, he bought the Deacon Andrew Smith place. The house on this property was built on a beautiful elevation and commanded an excellent view of Squam Lake, and the mountains beyond. Just back of the house is a small hill, on which is the pinery, where stands the Lone Pine, a monarch of past days. It is 106 feet high, and four feet through at the base; it may be seen for many miles as a landmark. The side of the hill being cleared, and the summit crowned with pines, the whole makes a perfect picture with no further embellishments. It is simple, but nevertheless eloquent of beauty. The house has two stories and accommodates twenty-five boarders. The lawns are kept in the best shape. There are the requisite barns, stables, carriage houses; all of ample proportions.

Mr. Smith owns 250 acres of land, and keeps a selected herd of blooded cattle; he has a fine orchard of grafted fruit, and many other like improvements, for which he is responsible, that make his farm one of the finest in the town.

Our subject married Josephine M., daughter of Martin McIntyre, a leading agriculturist of Stoddard, N. H.; he died at the age of seventy-four. Mr. McIntyre's children were: Mary A., Abigail, George W., Laura A., Josephine M., and Horatio.

Mr. Smith and his excellent wife have been blessed with four children, of whom two are now living. Benjamin M., a plumber, married Ella Olin of Jewett City, Conn.; they have two children, Edward O. and Laurence H. H. Cora A. died when three years old. Abbie J. died at the

age of two. Mabel T., being the youngest and the pride of her parents' hearts, has remained with them at home. She certainly deserves the love and affection lavished upon her, for not only does she excel in beauty of form and face, but she has also those noble traits of character that alone would endear her to her friends. Of a cheerful and sunny disposition, she is the central figure wherever she goes.

Mr. Smith in his political affiliations is a Democrat; he is liberal in his religious views.

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HARRY A. CHENEY, M. D., is the leading physician of Campton, and as such enjoys the confidence and esteem of a large number of patrons scattered throughout the county. He is a son of Col. Thomas P. Cheney of Ashland, and was born in Ashland, N. H., in the year 1870. The Doctor's grandfather and great-grandfather were both natives of Thornton, N. H.

Our subject's father was born in Ashland, and has made that place his home. His early life was full of hardship and unrelenting toil, beginning the struggle for a subsistence and an education at the age of ten, working in woolen and paper mills for six years, and receiving at the most \$1.50 a week. Even with this miserable pittance he managed to board and clothe himself, and to save up money, with which he attended the Tilton, N. H., Seminary, finishing the education so rudely interrupted in his youth. When he became of age he married Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan F. Keyes, a highly respected citizen of Ashland. From that time till the war broke out he was chiefly engaged in mercantile business. Early in the civil struggle he enlisted and served until 1863 in Co. A., 6th N. H. Vol. Inf., when he was discharged for disability, with the rank of first lieutenant. From that time to this he has been almost continually engaged in political service. He has held the office of Postmaster of Ashland, Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms at Washington, from 1864-69; Superintendent of the Railway Service of the New England States from 1869-84; Pension Agent from 1884-86, and again from 1888-92. He served in the State Senate during the session of 1889-90. He has also



represented the town in the State Legislature for two sessions, 1865-66 and 1887-88. In 1894 he was elected on the staff of the Governor's Council, with the rank of Colonel, a position he still retains. He was also a delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1868, which placed in nomination for the Presidency of the United States Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. Col. Cheney resides on Highland Street, in Ashland, in an elegant brick house, fitted with every modern convenience one could desire. Seven children were born to our subject's father and his inestimable wife. Olney S. died at the age of about two years. Rodney W. holds a situation as bookkeeper in Boston. Jonathan M. is a physician; his sketch in full appears elsewhere in this volume. Alice Maud married J. W. Gilman of "The Dalles," Oregon, the owner of a large cattle ranch. Harry A. Cheney is the subject of this notice. Sarah Addie married Ora A. Brown of Ashland, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Anne P. resides at home.

Dr. Harry A. Cheney attended the schools of Ashland, and there received a primary education. He was then enrolled as a student in New Hampton Literary Institution, going from there to the State University of Vermont, graduating from the Medical Department in 1894. He then entered the Emergency Hospital of Boston, and there obtained excellent practice in the successful treatment of the various forms of disease. After three and a half profitable months at the hospital, he came to Campton, and succeeded to the practice of Dr. W. R. Garland. Dr. Cheney bought the house and barns of his predecessor in the medical profession; the home is finely located, with telephone connections, and every other convenience for the systematic and thorough practice of medicine. During his short residence he has built up a large and flourishing practice, most commendable to his enterprise and professional skill. His services are in wide demand, both as a physician and as a surgeon. His practice is not confined to his immediate vicinity, but is general and extends to several towns in this vicinity.

Dr. Cheney sought and won the hand of Miss Sarah A. Brooks in marriage. She is a daughter of P. and Rosa (Deos) Brooks of Lyndon, Vt. Dr. and Mrs. Cheney are very popular in the social circles of the town and number un-

counted friends. They are the parents of one child, Sterle Armstrong, born Nov. 2, 1896. Our subject has always been an unyielding Republican in his politics. He is liberal in his religious views. He is a member of the Mt. Prospect Lodge, No. 69, F. & A. M., of Ashland; also holds a membership in the Pemigewasset Lodge, No. 91, I. O. O. F.

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EDWIN J. SLEEPER, of the town of Holderness, Grafton Co., N. H., was born in Alton, N. H., April 12, 1861. He is the son of Nathan B. and Almira (Rollins) Sleeper, grandson of Joseph and Susan (Longee) Sleeper, and great-grandson of Benjamin and Ruth (Bean) Sleeper.

Benjamin Sleeper and wife were natives of Brentwood, N. H. They were born in that town and passed their lives there, occupying a high place in the esteem of their neighbors. Mr. Sleeper was a soldier of the Revolution, and drew a pension for his services, till the date of his death. Their children were: Joseph, Elisha, Jonathan, Lydia, and George.

Joseph Sleeper was born in Brentwood, and being educated to agricultural pursuits, continued in that line of operations through life. Rather late in life he settled in Alton, where he became one of the progressive men of that town. He died at the age of sixty-four; his wife passed away earlier in life. She was the daughter of Simeon Longee. The children born to them were: Waity (deceased), Nathan B., Emily B. (deceased), James (deceased), Charles S., Mary (deceased), R. Caroline, Sarah (deceased), Joseph (deceased), Susan, Lydia, Henry (deceased).

Our subject's father, Nathan B. Sleeper, was born in Alton, Oct. 12, 1816. He learned the carpenter's trade early in life, and labored at it steadily until 1873, when he bought the Benjamin Burley farm of 140 acres, and carried on general farming operations, at the same time making many improvements and enlarging the house. In 1885, he sold the property to his son, Edwin J. Sleeper, and moved to the town of New Hampton, where he purchased a farm, and has since carried on farming; he is one of the leading, successful men of the town. His wife

was born April, 1817, and is the daughter of Capt. John Rollins. Their family consisted of six children, of whom three are now living: John V. B., Charles E. (deceased), Joseph F. (deceased), Ellen M., Sarah F. (deceased), and Edwin J.

Edwin J. Sleeper, as has been stated before in this sketch, bought his father's farm, in 1885, and carried on general agricultural operations, and also developed a gardening business, supplying the many camps in the vicinity with vegetables and other kindred supplies. By reason of the fine location of his home, surrounded by its wide stretches of lawn, and commanding from its elevation an extensive view, he was induced to take a few boarders during the summer months. He was forced to enlarge his house, and since 1890 has had all the guests he could possibly accommodate.

The location, which is easy of access, is a promising one for a hotel; it is on a high rise of ground overlooking every island in Squam Lake. From the front of the house one may view the noted Sandwich Dome, Chocorua, White-face, Paugus, Cardigan, Ossipee, and Belknap Mountains.

The scene is indeed a charming one and holds the attention of even the most careless and indifferent. Below is the broad, shimmering oosom of Squam Lake that reflects on its mirror-like surface the mountains with their rugged sides clothed in a verdant dress of many hues, varying from the lightest shade to the dark somber shades of a dense thicket of evergreens. When the sun is shining everything is bright with gladsome life; everything reflects the goodness of its Maker; under the moon's pale and wavering effulgence the scene is replete with mystery and awe.

The rear view embraces Mt. Prospect and Mt. Livermore; the latter is not at all difficult to surmount, and one is well paid for the effort, for it commands the finest and most extensive view to be obtained in Grafton Co.

Mr. Sleeper has an abundant supply of the purest mountain water, that most invigorating and health-giving of all tonics. The grounds surrounding the house are in keeping with the beauty of the locality. The lawn is extensive and is broken here and there by the groves and walks. There are tennis courts and croquet

grounds for those who take pleasure in them. The surroundings of this charmed spot might well be the dream as well as the despair of an artist, so perfectly adapted are the various beauties to one symmetrical whole.

Mr. Sleeper has not relinquished his early business of gardening, but continues to supply his guests and the campers in the vicinity with choice fruit and vegetables in season, and the best of milk from his large dairy. He also runs a "bus" to and from trains for the accommodation of his guests and campers. Attractions of a strictly out-of-door character, such as hunting, fishing, etc., serve to bring many to this place for their summer vacation. Mr. Sleeper has shown great enterprise and spirit in the prosecution of this venture, and certainly deserves praise for his success, and for the honest, obliging efforts he puts forth for the comfort of his boarders. Those who have visited him once are anxious to reserve a place for the next season.

Our subject united his fortunes in marriage with those of Lucia E., daughter of Stephen W. Howe, a farmer of the town of Holderness, and descended from one of the earliest settlers. Mrs. Sleeper has borne her husband two children: Willie E., born March 7, 1884; and Bessie, born Dec. 30, 1893. In politics Mr. Sleeper is a Republican; he has served as collector two years. He is liberal in his religious views.

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WILLIS F. HARDY, Postmaster of Ashland, N. H., was born in Warner, N. H., Jan. 1, 1858, and is a son of John A. and Susan (Morey) Hardy, and a grandson of John and Mary (Buell) Hardy.

John Hardy was by occupation a drover and a farmer. He settled in Warner, and there became the owner of a fine, large stock-farm. In business he was remarkably successful, aided, no doubt, by his wonderfully good judgment. Both he and his wife had very strong constitutions, and both lived to a good old age; Mr. Hardy passing away at eighty-eight, and his wife falling asleep at ninety-two years. He was a Democrat and very active in political affairs. The children born to this excellent couple were: Joseph, Maria, Lucy, Darius, John A., and Adaline.



Our subject's father, John A. Hardy, attended the district schools in his youth, and stayed on the farm with his parents until their death, when he inherited the homestead. There he carried on general farming operations until 1860, when he sold the farm and bought another farm in Wilmot, N. H., where he was also associated with his son in business. He died in Wilmot at the age of sixty-eight, caused by an accident. His wife passed away at the age of seventy-two years of old-fashioned consumption. He was a stanch Democrat, and served as selectman for a number of years. He also represented the town in the Legislature two years. Their children were: Annie, Josephine M., Adelaide, and Willis F.

Willis F. Hardy was educated in the district schools, and in the New Hampton Academy. At the age of sixteen he went into the store with his father and remained there for six years, carrying on a general trade under the firm name of J. A. Hardy & Son. He sold out then, and, in 1880, came to Ashland, and secured employment as clerk in the large and well-known general store of Hodgdon & Pollard. At the expiration of two years the firm became Pollard, Hardy & Smyth; this arrangement lasted till 1889, when the firm was changed to Pollard, Hardy & Brown. Our subject was associated with the firm until Jan. 1, 1896, when he sold his interest, much to the regret of many of the customers, for he was well liked and put life into the firm. They were the largest traders in the town or in the county.

Feb. 7, 1896, he was appointed by the administration Postmaster of Ashland. In 1891 he was nominated and elected on the Democrat ticket as representative of the town in the Legislature, being the first Democrat to be sent from Ashland. Mr. Hardy married Jennie E., daughter of Andrew Wilson of Lancaster, N. H. They have one child, Jessie, born Feb. 14, 1890. He owns a fine brick house, formerly the home of Governor Cheney, and there lives a peaceful, contented, domestic life. He is liberal in his religious views, and favors the Universalist Church. He is a member of the Mt. Prospect Lodge, No. 68, F. & A. M.; and has been Master of it in 1890-91-95-96. He is also a member of Pemigewasset Chapter, R. A. M. Mr. Hardy and wife belong to the Eastern Star Lodge.

ARTHUR H. ALDRICH, a successful farmer of the town of Lyman, Grafton Co., N. H., was born July 1, 1861, in the above-named town, and is a son of Horace and Eliza J. (Weatherbee) Aldrich.

Jared Aldrich, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Scotland, and came to this country when a young man to grow up with the new country, settling in the town of Lisbon, N. H.; he is remembered by many of the older residents of that town as one of its pioneers. He married a Miss Young, who bore him the following children: Hiram, Damon, Mason W., Stephen, George, and Jane.

Stephen Aldrich was born in Lisbon, N. H., and there received his education. From his early manhood he was interested in the lumber business; he would shave shingles and then float them down the Ammonoosuc River to the Connecticut River, and thence on rafts they were taken to market sometimes as far as Hartford, Conn. He married Olive Richardson, and to them were born these children: Horace M., Jane, Evaline, Albert H., and Maria. In religion, they held to the principles advocated by the Universalist Church.

Horace M. Aldrich, the father of our subject, was born Sept. 25, 1832, in Lisbon, N. H., and after he attained the years of manhood he followed the occupation of farming, in addition to prosecuting his lumbering business, all of the years of his active life. He was a Republican, but would never accept any of the offices almost thrust upon him, although he was a man of excellent judgment, and in every way fitted to fill any, because he preferred to devote his time and attention to his lumber business, which had grown in a few years to very large proportions. It consisted chiefly in getting out masts for the United States navy yards, Mr. Aldrich shipping them to Portsmouth. In 1856 he was married to Eliza J. Weatherbee, daughter of Smith and Sally (Jesseman) Weatherbee, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Lisbon, N. H. Three children were born of this union: William E., born Nov. 27, 1858, married Edna Sherman of Lisbon, N. H., and has two children: Eva A. and Grace E. Alice J., born Jan. 10, 1863, married M. D. Cobleigh of Littleton, N. H., and has one child, Gerald F. Arthur H., the subject of this memoir, was the second of these three. The







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father is liberal in his religion, while the mother attends the M. E. Church.

Arthur H. Aldrich obtained his education in the district schools of Lyman, N. H., and when a young man learned the glove-maker's trade, working at Littleton, N. H., at this trade from 1880 to 1893. He then turned his attention to agriculture, and has every reason to be proud of the results. He is a staunch Republican, but never sought office.

On Jan. 7, 1889, he married Harriet E. Hurd, daughter of William B. and Harriet E. (Kener-son) Hurd of Lyman, whose sketch appears in this volume. One child has been born our subject and his wife: Ervill H. In their religious views, they favor the M. E. doctrines.

**HON. CHARLES E. WOOLSON.** Among the prominent men of Grafton Co., and a leader among those agriculturists who will use none but the most recent and approved methods in farming, we take great pleasure in presenting the name of Mr. Woolson. He was born in Lisbon, N. H., Dec. 5, 1836, and is a son of Amos and Hannah (Temple) Woolson. Hannah Temple was a daughter of Enos Temple, a Revolutionary soldier.

It is a tradition in the Woolson family, not fully established by any direct proof, that the ancestors of all the Woolsons in America were three Welsh brothers, who came to Massachusetts at an early date; no trace of their life after they reached this country has been found, but the name occurs among the names of the founders of Lunenburg, and the list of the graduates of Harvard College mentions Ephraim Woolson as a member of the Class of 1760, and as deceased in 1802.

One of the early residents of Lunenburg was Elijah Woolson, the grandfather of our subject, who was born in that town Dec. 1, 1767; he learned the trade of a cooper, and when a young man settled in Bethlehem, N. H., soon after moving to Lisbon, where he resided many years. He married Rebecca Batchelder while a resident of Bethlehem, and had a large family of eight sons and one daughter, of whom but one now survives. Following is the list of the names: John, Elijah, Amos, James, Ira K., Theron, Ezra,

Silas B., and Mary, who married John Magowan, and lived at Massena, N. Y. Elijah Woolson died at the home of his daughter in Massena, N. Y., in 1836.

Amos Woolson, the father of our subject, was educated in Lisbon and learned the trade of a cooper, afterwards becoming a shoemaker, and then a tailor. He was known and respected as a man of the strictest integrity and honor, and endowed with more common sense and intelligence than the ordinary person. He was one of the charter members of the old Free Soil Party, and later in life a prominent Republican, but his native modesty and self-depreciation kept him from aspiring to or holding office. He married Hannah D. Temple, who bore him the following children: a son, born in the month of July, 1831, who lived but a few hours; John, born Dec. 19, 1832; Augustus A., born June 15, 1835; Charles E., born Dec. 5, 1836; Mary R., born Dec. 30, 1838; and Jennie L., born July 31, 1841.

Charles E. Woolson, the subject of this short biography, secured a good, practical education in the district schools and the high school of Lisbon, N. H., and then took up the profession of a surveyor; that in connection with farming has been his chief occupation since. In 1869 he moved to his present farm of 150 acres, and at once began improvements, which, added to from time to time, have made his farm a very valuable piece of property; he has mainly devoted his attention to dairying. In connection with this it might be said right here that he erected the first silo in Grafton Co. Scientific principles form the base of all his operations; in his home he has an excellent library on chemical science, such as applies to farming, with such illustrious names as Nash, Johnson, and Liebig occupying a prominent place. He is also a ready debater and convincing speaker.

In political belief, Mr. Woolson is a firm Republican, and has been closely identified with that party since its formation. He is a man of most excellent judgment, and has been sought on several occasions as the most available man to be found as the candidate for various offices of trust and honor. He was superintendent of schools, both under the old and new laws. On Nov. 3, 1896, he was elected to represent the town of Lyman in the New Hampshire State Legislature for a period of two years, extending



over the years 1897 and '98. He is a member of the Golden Grange, No. 73, of Lisbon, N. H., and held the office of lecturer for several years under the old charter; since the re-organization of the Grange and the adoption of a new charter the office has been capably filled by his wife, Mrs. Woolson, who is a woman of unusual ability in many lines, and is a writer of considerable local reputation.

Mr. Woolson has been twice united in marriage. His first wife, whom he married Nov. 1, 1859, was Emily E. Corey, daughter of James and Sarah (Merrill) Corey, and from their union four children resulted. John married Sarah Trevena of Lyman; they live in New York City and have three children: Flossie M., Leland S., and Raymond T. Elmer E. married Mrs. Lauretta Newman of Long Island. Nellie and William A. reside at home with their father. He was married to his present wife, April 3, 1867; her maiden name was Alzina A. Bishop, and she was a daughter of Leonard N. Bishop of Lisbon, N. H., a soldier of the Civil War in 1861-65. Five children were added to the family from this union. Emily R. married John A. Fuller, whose sketch appears in this book; they have two children: John A. and Howard. Charles L. married Mary Ahl, and they have one child, Clifford. Lula Belle married John A. Casey of Pawtucket, R. I., and has one child, Olive M. Augustus A. and Cora J. live at home. The Woolson family are liberal in their ideas of religion.

Mr. Woolson is a justice of the peace and quorum. We have ever enforced the point that our portrait subjects should stand among the first in their several callings and professions, and so it is with considerable pride we present Mr. Woolson's portrait, an excellent likeness of one who excels in his chosen vocation.

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JAMES B. HOLMES, a farmer of the towns of Campton and Plymouth, was born in the town of Campton, Aug. 7, 1853, and is a son of Joseph and Hannah (Bump) Holmes, and a grandson of Samuel Holmes. Samuel was a native of Connecticut, and settled in Campton and became one of the most prominent men in Campton. He acquired a good deal of property in the shape of

land; in the town and in the county he held a high place and aided in their development. The Campton Centennial speaks very well of him, as doing more for the real progress of the town in many ways than the average citizen and settler. He died Jan. 1, 1823, leaving seven children to perpetuate his virtues and keep his memory green. The record is: Joseph, Hosea, Eliza, Caroline, Thirza, Alvira, and Drury.

Joseph Holmes, father of the subject of this notice, was born in 1806, and passed his early life in Campton. Arriving at manhood years he bought a farm in that town and carried on general farming there for some time. He then sold his property and purchased a farm near Laconia, N. H., where he lived a few years, when he disposed of his farm and returned to Campton and bought the farm which is now the property of our subject. It is located near Livermore Falls, and is composed of 175 acres, part of which is in Campton and part in Plymouth. The house is one of the largest in the town, and was built by Josiah Little, in 1757, for his son; it was later bought and occupied by the late Judge Livermore. The grounds are shaded by gigantic elms, and carpeted with a beautiful lawn; within a few minutes' walk is the lovely Livermore Falls, which is spanned with an iron bridge 100 feet from the water. These features, together with nicely trimmed spruce hedges, make the surroundings all that can be desired for a pleasant home. Our subject's father died at the age of sixty-four of Bright's disease; his wife was called away when thirty-seven years old. Their children were: John, Orlando, Drury, Alphonso, Benjamin, James B., Samuel, and Lucy and Luella (twins). Joseph Holmes was a Republican, politically; in his religious views he was a supporter of the M. E. Church.

James B. Holmes was educated in the town schools until he reached the age of twelve, when he was sent to Nora Jo, Davis Co., Ill., to live with his aunt, Caroline. There he was educated to the pursuit of farming and made it his occupation until 1876, when he came back to New Hampshire and bought his father's farm. The roof of the house he changed to the prevailing style, the mansard roof; he also built verandas to the house, erected a large barn, and made many other important improvements. He keeps a small dairy. He was married, May 29, 1883, to

Miss Nellie, daughter of Francis and Alvira (Heath) Wilson; she was born at Bedford, Mass. Her father was a farmer and miller by occupation. Both of her parents died at the age of fifty-three with consumption. Mr. Holmes is a staunch Republican, and never loses a chance to give his support to the party of his choice. He is liberal in his religious views. He has been comfortably successful in life, and enjoys the respect and good will of all his circle of acquaintances. He is a hard worker and has secured his present fortune by unremitting and honest efforts.

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GEORGE BERT ABBOTT, one of the largest crutch manufacturers of the New England States, is located in Rumney, N. H., where he was born Oct. 17, 1863. He is a son of Daniel and Carrie M. (Phillips) Abbott, grandson of Moses C. and Sarah (Bliss) Abbott, and great-grandson of Joseph and Effie (Brainard) Abbott. Joseph Abbott was a son of Nathaniel and Sally (Chandler) Abbott, who came from Concord, N. H. He was born about 1765, and was one of the first settlers in this part of the county, settling on what is now known as Abbott Hill. There he carried on farming all his life, and cleared and prepared for cultivation a large farm. He and his wife lived beyond the allotted age of man. Their children were: Catherine, Susan, Mary, Abigail, Joseph, and Chandler.

Joseph Abbott was born on the Abbott Hill farm, and learned the trade of a blacksmith, removing late in life to Thetford, Vt., where he died about middle age; his wife passed away at the age of sixty-six. They were blessed with the following children: Rhoda, Hazen, Harriet, Moses C., and Caroline.

Moses C. Abbott was born in Rumney, Oct. 19, 1804, and learned the blacksmith's trade at his father's forge; he settled in Haverhill Corners, where he labored at his trade. He then bought land and built a shop and a house at Oliverian Brook, and carried on his business for three years. Desiring a change, he sold his shop and property to Paul White, his son-in-law, and went to the Summit, where he built a tavern and ran it for four years; it has since been known as Little's Tavern. He then went back to his trade

at the Brook a short time, then went into business in Warren. Later he was at West Rumney in trade, then at Dorchester, finally settling in Rumney, where he was engaged in running a general store; he died there Sept. 17, 1881; his wife died Jan. 2, 1876. In politics he was a Whig and a Republican, but never aspired to any office. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Rumney. The following children were born to him: Caroline S., born June 19, 1827; Harriet, born Nov. 17, 1828; Joseph, born April 11, 1831; Daniel, born May, 19, 1834; Hannah B., born May 28, 1837; Sylvester, born Sept. 20, 1838; and Thomas H., born June 9, 1841.

Daniel Abbott, our subject's father, was born in 1834, and at the age of twenty-one went to Lowell, Mass., and worked in the cotton mills there, later removing to Bedford, Me., where he worked in the same business until he came to Rumney and bought a mill and the water power at Rumney, and carried on the manufacture of wooden rakes for some three years; he then turned his attention to the manufacture of truss pads. He built a new shop, and in 1881 built a new dam, and began to enlarge his business by adding the manufacture of crutches. As his crutches grew in popularity and the demand increased, he dropped the manufacture of pads and centered his attention on the manufacture of crutches. The business having grown and prospered, he felt warranted in taking in as partners his two sons, Charles W. and George Bert, under the firm name of D. Abbott & Sons. They shipped the goods in large quantities, in addition to the special orders; when the business had gained a good and solid reputation Daniel Abbott was stricken down with cancerous tumor, dying in 1891, at the age of fifty-three. Mr. Abbott owned a nice residence, which he built in Rumney, and twenty acres of land adjoining the house. In politics he was a Republican, and was supervisor of the town several years. He worshipped in the M. E. Church. He was a member of the Olive Branch Lodge, F. & A. M., of Plymouth. In the history of the town of Rumney, no one ever enjoyed more popularity or counted so many friends; he was a public-spirited man, and was wide-awake to the needs of the town, and ever ready to fill those needs, if in his power. His wife still survives him. Four



children came to bless their home: Charles W., born Dec. 14, 1860, married Clara L. Stevens, and is a manufacturer of crutches, and a resident of Rumney; George Bert, the second son, is the subject of our sketch; Carrie E., born in 1868, married George C. Craig, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Elizabeth A., born in 1874, is a teacher.

George Bert Abbott, after he finished his education in the schools of Rumney, entered his father's factory as a workman, and after he had mastered the business was taken into the firm. After his father's death the business was carried on by C. W. and G. B. Abbott; the buildings were enlarged and the business was extended. In the spring of 1895 our subject bought his brother's interest, and has since carried on the business alone. He is manufacturing 100 dozen pairs of crutches per month; the trade has been worked up mainly in the Western States, and there Mr. Abbott always finds a ready sale for his product. He manufactures several different varieties, to suit different tastes, from maple-wood, lance-wood, and from rose-wood. They range from the very plainest to those with spring tops and rubber bottoms, and nickel trimmings. As for the important points of durability and strength, his wide reputation for honest and carefully made goods attests they are well taken care of. Our subject has a large residence, which is occupied by his mother. In politics he has always supported the Republican ticket and nominees. He attends the Baptist Church.

FRED H. ENGLISH, of the firm of English & Bond, proprietors of one of the largest grocery and provision stores of Grafton Co., was born at Hartland, Vt., Jan. 8, 1857. He is a son of John W. and Melissa (Hubbard) English; the line on his father's side runs back through John and Mary (Cary) English, John and Christiana (Cogswell) English, John and Abigail (Newcomb) English, Richard and Mary (Hinksman) English to David English of the County of Essex, England. Only the bare facts of David English's life are known. At the age of twenty-seven he married Elizabeth, May 27, 1688; he died Sept. 6, 1704. The following were his chil-

dren: Richard, born June 6, 1690, and died March, 1776; Elizabeth, born April 24, 1693; Solomon, born May 21, 1695; Reuben, born Dec. 3, 1699; and Sophia, born Nov. 23, 1701.

Richard English, the eldest son; emigrated to America, in 1710, on board the brig *Swallow*, and landed at Newport, R. I., Feb. 17, 1712. He was married to Mary Hinksman of Newport, R. I., and one child came to bless their household, John, born Aug. 8, 1713.

John English was married to Abigail Newcomb, Nov. 9, 1737; she was born Nov. 17, 1750, and died Jan. 28, 1785. Mr. English was gathered unto his fathers Oct. 18, 1758. Their children were: Alice, born Oct. 2, 1738; John, Jan. 1, 1740; Richard, Sept. 12, 1741; Alice, the second of that name, April 8, 1743; John, also the second of that name, March 22, 1745; Abigail, July 27, 1747; Mary, July 10, 1749; Abigail, the second of that name, May 1, 1751; Abel, July 4, 1753; Zephaniah, Dec. 9, 1755; and Joel, March 25, 1758.

John English, the next in the line, was born in 1745, and married as his first wife Hannah Longfellow; she bore him no children, and upon her death he married, Oct. 31, 1771, Christiana Cogswell. His second wife died April 3, 1796. Their children were as follows: Hannah, born Sept. 23, 1772; Abigail, Sept. 18, 1773; Ann, July 8, 1775; Olive, April 2, 1777; Mary, Oct. 13, 1779; John, Feb. 4, 1781; Zephaniah, Sept. 17, 1782; Olive, the second of that name, June 2, 1784; Charles, Sept. 9, 1786; John, the second of that name, Dec. 17, 1789; Abel, March 16, 1791; and Sophia, April 8, 1792.

John English, our subject's grandfather, was next to the youngest of the children, and, as stated in the record, was born in 1789, but the place is not known. He was a farmer by occupation, and made his home in Waitsfield, Vt., where he died at the age of seventy. His wife, Mary Cary, passed away at the age of eighty years. Their children were: an infant son, who died; Melvina; Varona; and John W.

John W. English, our subject's father, was born in Waitsfield, Vt., June 13, 1824. He assisted his father on the farm until manhood, and then worked at agricultural pursuits till he was enabled to buy an improved farm in the town of Hartland, where he made his first home. Only a few years were spent in Hartland, selling



after a time, and removing to South Woodstock, Vt., where he carried on general farming, until he came to Littleton, about 1866, and bought the Amos Hubbard farm in the northern part of the town. After having lived on his new farm for a number of years, he sold the property, and bought a smaller place near the Glenwood Cemetery, where he carried on farming on a small scale, and held the post of sexton of the cemetery for about fourteen years. His death, which occurred May 27, 1891, was occasioned by pneumonia. He was a Democrat in politics, and was selectman for several years, besides holding other responsible positions. He married Melissa, daughter of Amos and Abigail (Smith) Hubbard, who were both born in Chesterfield, N. H. Amos Hubbard bought a tract of timber land in the early times, and settled on it; he felled the first tree ever removed by white man on his farm, and continued removing the natural growth until he had cleared the most of the farm, and had a splendid rich farm under cultivation, with comfortable and well-furnished farm houses and other buildings. He started in life with no assistance, raised a large family, and managed to accumulate a good fortune to leave to his heirs; he lived to the age of ninety-two years, esteemed and respected by a large number of friends of several generations. His wife departed this life at the age of sixty-six. Their children were: An infant son, deceased; Lauar; Clarissa; Sally; Alvira; Abigail; Philena; Angeline; Amos; and Melissa. Our subject's parents had three children: Frank C., died at the age of six years and four months; Fred H., the subject of this sketch; and Eugene G., born Dec. 10, 1865, married Fanny Wilson, and lives in Spokane, Wash.

Our subject attended the public and high schools of Littleton to secure his education, after which he went to Tilton, N. H., where he worked for C. E. Tilton as general overseer and assistant for three years. He then entered into business under the firm name of Thorp & English for one year. Having sold his business in Tilton, he came to Littleton and bought the interest of Charles Taylor in the firm of South Lovejoy & Taylor, and carried on business four years under the firm name of South Lovejoy & English; they kept a stock of general merchandise, and retained the best custom in the town. Mr. English

then sold his interests and bought the interest of H. F. Green of the firm of Eaton & Green, remaining in this connection for three years; Mr. Eaton being away most of the time, our subject took full charge of the store most of the time. F. P. Bond, Mr. English's present partner, bought out Mr. Eaton's interests about 1886, and for the past ten years the large and commodious grocery and provision store, under the guidance of Messrs. English and Bond, has prospered in its home in the Calhoun Block, on Main Street, Littleton, and is known for miles in all directions as headquarters for goods in the line of eatables. Mr. English has well sustained his reputation for a keen business man, in whom his patrons may trust; wide-awake to the needs of his business, and ready to oblige his customers in anything reasonable in his power, he well merits the good-will of the citizens of Littleton and the surrounding country. Mr. English inherited the homestead, and having increased its value by added improvements, he sold it and bought a residence on High Street.

He married Clara Bell Richardson, daughter of Edward and Verona (Dailey) Richardson. Mr. English's political views are in harmony with those of the Democratic party; he has served on the school board six years, and has evinced an abiding and lively interest in the cause of education. He has also been a member of the board of health, and a secretary of the Littleton Driving Park Association for two years. He is public-spirited and alive to the best interests of the town; he was chairman of the committee on building the Kilburn school, and was interested in the improvement of Littleton and the bringing her up to a standard unusual in villages of her size, as a member of the committee, who raised the money, amounting to \$30,000, which was laid out in 1894 in paving the streets and sidewalks of Littleton. He is a member of the Burns Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., and served as secretary of the same for five years; Franklin Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; Omega Council, No. 9, R. & S. M.; St. Girard Commandery of Knights Templar; and Scottish Rite of Nashua. He is a Mason of the thirty-second degree, and takes no trifling interest in things Masonic.

Edward B. Richardson of Lisbon, N. H., the father of Mrs. Fred H. English, was born in Lisbon, N. H., Nov. 14, 1835, and is a son of David

and Priscilla (Albee) Richardson, the former of Lisbon and the latter a native of Littleton, N. H. John Richardson, the grandfather of Edward B., was a native of Rhode Island, settling in Lisbon, N. H., in the early part of this century. There he devoted his time to the milling business and to the manufacture of linseed oil, in addition to owning and operating a large and valuable farm. In party allegiance he was a Republican. He married Olive Dailey, a native of Rhode Island, and to them were born a large family of children, all of whom are now deceased. John Richardson and his family were members of the M. E. Church of Lisbon, N. H.

David Richardson, the father of Edward B., was educated in the district schools of Lisbon and Littleton, N. H., and upon the completion of his education turned his attention to the pursuits of agriculture. Farming and milling formed his principal occupations. He was a staunch Democrat. His wife was Priscilla Albee, a daughter of Alex. Albee of Littleton, N. H. Eight children came into the Richardson family as a result of this union, namely: Hannah married R. K. Stevens of Littleton, N. H.; Charles married Nancy Brown of Manchester, N. H.; Eliza married Moses Eastman of Whitefield, N. H.; Caroline married Myron Eastman of Whitefield, N. H.; Albee married Olive Jesseman of Lisbon, N. H.; Byron married Amanda Young of Lisbon, N. H.; and Edward B., the father of Mrs. Fred H. English.

Edward B. Richardson obtained his schooling in his youthful years in the educational institutions of Lisbon, N. H., and learned the machinist's trade as his support in life; his work in this branch of industry has forced him at various times to take up his home in different localities. He is a Democrat. In 1858 he married Verona Dailey of Lisbon, N. H., a daughter of Russell and Betsey Dailey, and to them have been born four children: Clara B. married Fred H. English, the subject of this sketch; Clarence E. married Anna B. Southerland of California; Marshall D. married Mattie Pike of Waterford, Vt.; Angie M. married Joseph Moore of California. The family are Methodists in their adherence to religious principles and dogmas. Socially, Mr. Richardson belongs to Kane Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 64, of Lisbon, N. H.

JOHN R. STEVENS, one of the leading, progressive farmers of the town of Ashland, was born in Campton, N. H., Feb. 5, 1853. He is the son of Peter R. and Sarah B. (Rollins) Stevens, and grandson of John and Lucy Ann (Buzzell) Stevens.

John Stevens came from England when a young man and purchased a farm in Ellsworth, N. H. He followed the pursuit of agriculture during his life, but did not remain a resident of Ellsworth all the time, for he owned several different farms at successive periods. He died at the age of eighty-four, in the town of Rumney, of this county, where he owned a farm at the time. His wife lived to be sixty-nine years old. They had twelve children, of whom the following reached maturity: Peter R., John, Lyman, Lucy, Nancy, Lucinda, and George.

Peter R., the father of our subject, married and settled in Ellsworth, but later moved to Campton. In 1858 he was seized with the gold fever and went to California, following mining in the gold region. He died in California. He was a spiritualist and a medium, and was a devout believer in his religion. After his decease his wife married Hiram Cole, and after his death she married S. A. Newton and resides in the town of Holderness, Grafton Co. The children of Peter R. Stevens were: Sarah L., John R., and Frank P.

John R. Stevens was educated in the public schools, and commenced his life as a man as a farm hand; but at an early age he left the farm and went to Plymouth, N. H., working in the manufacture of gloves until 1879. In that year he bought the James Cox property of 150 acres, which is located two miles from the village of Plymouth in the river valley; forty acres is intervalle land of the best quality. He has made many valuable improvements on the buildings and the land. He interests himself in stock-raising extensively; he has a fine dairy of Jersey cows, a well-selected flock of sheep, and a large yard of choice poultry.

He married Lillian E., daughter of Henry J. Mosely. Mr. Mosely was a native of England and came to America early in life. He was a skilled painter and decorator, having served seven years in London, where he was born. He lived and worked in the States of New York and Vermont, and late in life pur-







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chased a farm in New Hampshire, where he enjoyed his last years. Two children survive him: Oscar; and Lillian E., the wife of our subject. Mr. Stevens is the parent of five children by his wife Lillian: Anna L. M., George H. H., Sarah E., Harry O., and Lucy M. He is a Republican, and has filled very acceptably some of the minor town offices. He is at present chairman of the school board. He has often been asked to fill higher offices, but has always steadily refused. He favors the M. E. Church, and is a member of the Knights of Honor.

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HENRY A. HILDRETH, M. D., a prominent physician and throat and lung specialist of Bethlehem, N. H., was born July 13, 1850, in Boston, Mass., and is a son of Chauncey and Keziah (Edmonds) Hildreth.

Levi Hildreth, the grandfather of Dr. Hildreth, was born in Chesterfield, N. H., April 2, 1775; he became well known through the winnowing machines for grain, which he manufactured. He was a drum-major in the State militia, and in the latter portion of his life he manufactured drums and taught the art of drumming. He married, Jan. 24, 1798, Mary Farr, who was born March 15, 1782; she was a daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Farr of Chesterfield, N. H. After their marriage Mr. Hildreth and his wife moved to Littleton, N. H., where eight children were born to them. This is the record: Mary, born Aug. 12, 1798, died March 12, 1849; Sally, born July 15, 1800, died Oct. 14, 1857; Levi J., born Nov. 26, 1801, died Dec. 25, 1833; Chauncey, born Sept. 18, 1803, died Dec. 15, 1891; Lucinda, born January, 1806, died Feb. 18, 1886; Chelsea, born Nov. 3, 1807, died March 13, 1892; Berenice, born October, 1814, died June 12, 1874; and William M., born in October, 1819, who started on a sea voyage and was never after heard from.

Chauncey Hildreth was educated in the schools of Littleton, N. H., and learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, which he followed until 1845. In that year he moved to Boston, Mass., where he was superintendent for a contractor in the day time and a member of the police force at night, working until 12 o'clock.

He managed to fill both of these positions for eleven years, and then moved to Thetford Hill in Vermont, where he lived one year, going from there to Fairlee in the same State, and purchasing a farm, where he lived for a time. He sold his property there at last and removed to Dalton, N. H., where he purchased his wife's homestead. About 1875 he moved to Newbury, Vt., where he spent his last days with his daughter, Mrs. William Lowd; he died Dec. 15, 1891. Nov. 25, 1830, he was married by the Rev. Mr. Brooks to Keziah Edmonds, daughter of Aaron Edmonds, a noted educator in the early history of this country. To Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth were born seven children: Eliza, Maria, Diadema, Aaron, Louise, Rhoda, Henry A. They were Congregationalists.

Dr. Hildreth received his elementary education in the public schools of Boston and at Lancaster Academy at Lancaster, N. H. He then went west and entered the Cincinnati Medical College of Ohio and graduated in the Class of 1873. After his graduation he matriculated and attended the medical clynic of Bellevue Hospital of New York City. Having completed his course, he took a year's extended trip to the medical colleges of Europe, visiting the hospitals of Dublin, Edinburgh, London, and of France, Germany, and Italy, making a special study of the diseases of the blood and of the microscopic studies of bacteriology and tuberculosis. When he had returned from his foreign trip he located in Lisbon, N. H., where he remained about four years. He then moved to Bethlehem, N. H., and has spent most of his time in the latter place, where he gets an extensive summer practice, making a specialty of throat and lung diseases. He has been a very successful man in that line, and is reputed to have made some really wonderful cures in the above-mentioned diseases. He is a very conscientious man in his practice and retains the confidence of his patients from the first by his thoroughly professional manner.

Feb. 21, 1877, he was joined in marriage with Lilla A. Kelsea, daughter of Charles J. and Mary Kelsea of Lisbon, N. H. This union has been blessed with the birth of three children, as follows: Charles H., born Nov. 28, 1877, died Oct. 27, 1892; George K., born March 7, 1880; and Mary E., born Feb. 28, 1896. George K. is attending Dartmouth College at Hanover, N. H.

Socially, Dr. Hildreth is a Mason, and belongs to Kane Lodge, No. 64; Franklin Chapter, No. 5, of Lisbon, N. H.; St. Girard Commandery of Littleton, N. H. He is also a member of the Rose Croix, being a thirty-second degree Mason. He is a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine of Montpelier, Vt. He is a member of the Roxbury Club of Boston, Mass. The medical societies of which he is a member are the Massachusetts Medical Society; the New Hampshire Medical Society; the White Mountain Medical Society; and the Boston District Medical Society.

Dr. Hildreth's portrait appears on another page in this volume.

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JAMES W. MERRILL, one of the successful and well-to-do agriculturists of the town of Littleton, and an honored veteran of the late Rebellion, was born in North Conway, N. H., May 7, 1817; he is a son of Samuel and Dorcas H. (Eastman) Merrill, grandson of Samuel Merrill, who served in the Revolutionary War. Upon the cessation of hostilities with the mother country, Samuel Merrill retired to Brownfield, Me., where he took up a tract of new land, and lived there the remainder of his life, taking a prominent part in the development of that section of the country. He reared the following children: Enoch, Isaac, Samuel, John, James, Ambrose, Lydia, Betsey, Ruth, Dolly, and Sarah.

Our subject's father was born at Brownfield, Maine, Dec. 19, 1780, and learned the blacksmith's trade, settling down for the practice of his trade in North Conway, N. H., where our subject was born. After a number of years residence in North Conway he moved to Bartlett, where he bought a farm and lived until he died, Sept. 8, 1824. His first wife was Phebe A. Goodenow; for only a short time was she permitted to live with him, and left a vacant place, which was filled by his second wife, Dorcas H. Eastman; she was born Jan. 4, 1786, and died Nov. 7, 1873. She presented him with the following children: Lewis L., John, Phebe A. G., Harriet E., Mary C., Susan, James W., Samuel N., Elmira C., and Nathaniel.

James W. Merrill was twenty years old when he came to the town of Littleton and engaged in

the wheelwright's trade; he did not work always as a journeyman wheelwright, but soon had acquired experience and capital to carry on a business in his own interests, which he did for twenty years, until 1861, when he sold his business and bought the Higgins's farm and ran it for two years, and then buying the N. Lewis farm of 100 acres. On Aug. 30, 1864, he enlisted in the service for the preservation of the Union, and was honorably discharged June 15, 1865. He was wounded at Fort Reno from the explosion of a cannon, and nearly destroyed his hearing, for which disability he has drawn a pension since. In 1865 he erected the present residence; he has also built barns, and made many other improvements of a like character. There is a very good-bearing orchard of fruit, and a large maple grove, where he makes a considerable amount of sugar annually.

Mr. Merrill, Feb. 20, 1844, married Miss Grace Whiting; she was born July 28, 1825, and is a daughter of Stephen H. and Martha (Dailey) Whiting. Stephen Whiting was a son of Capt. Leonard Whiting, who was one of the pioneers of the town of Lisbon, and built the first saw-mill there. Tradition says that Capt. Leonard Whiting and his son, Stephen H., were granted land in the town of Lisbon for their gallant services during the Revolutionary War, in which Leonard served as a captain, and his son as private. When our subject was called to the front with his comrades to fight for his country his wife was left with a large family of children; with the dreadful uncertainty of what might be his fate, whether she should ever see him again or not, with a heavy heart, yet with true mother's love and fortitude, that bears up the frailest woman in the hour of extremity, she managed the farm and cared for the children till their father's safe return home. The eldest child was Edna J., born Jan. 30, 1845; she married H. Somers, and bore him two children before he was removed from her side by death. The children by her first marriage were: Gertrude and Belle. The latter is the only one living. Her second husband was L. J. Miner of Whitefield, N. H. Martha Ellen, born Aug. 16, 1846, married H. G. Towne of Littleton, and has five children: Ida, Luther, Grace, George, and Charles (deceased). George A., born March 19, 1849, married Phebe Pollock, and has one child, Arthur D., in addi-



tion to the one lost in infancy. Mr. Merrill has charge of his father's farm. Charles N., born April 10, 1851, lived to be two and a half years old. Mary L., born Jan. 16, 1854, died in 1879; she was the wife of A. Clark. Harry L., born April 30, 1860, is a broker and real estate dealer of Fair Haven, Washington. Alice E., born May 1, 1863, married H. Miller of Bethlehem, and has four children: Grace, Edith, Edward, and Lizzie. Fred H., born March 23, 1868, is a farmer of Littleton; he married Cassie Bishop, and has one child, Henry H. Our subject is a Democrat, and has held many of the minor offices of the town.

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WILLIAM H. ADAMS, proprietor of the largest general store in the village of Campton, N. H., was born in Boston, Mass., Oct. 22, 1851. He is a son of Hon. Francis M. and Susan H. (Nye) Adams. Our subject's paternal ancestor was born in Boston, and educated there, being a graduate of the old Latin School. Early in life he became a messenger for the Governor's Council, and served continuously through the terms of three successive Governors. He then filled a similar office under the Supreme Court. He served as Sheriff of Suffolk Co. for over forty years. He possessed a fine education, and took great pride in teaching his children, and was in turn cherished by them as a kind and loving parent. He was the master of several languages, besides being acquainted to a greater or less degree with others. He was commanding in presence, powerfully built, yet with a natural grace rarely seen. His many noble characteristics endeared him to a large circle of friends; his fearlessness and upright character won him the respect of all classes. His last two years were spent in great suffering, occasioned by fatal injuries he received in his side, when he fell from a car step. His death occurred at the age of sixty-eight. His wife was Susan, daughter of Capt. Nathan and Sarah H. (Hinkley) Nye. The Captain was lost at sea while making a voyage from New York to Rochelle, France, on a packet ship. Capt. Nathan Nye's wife was a native of Barnstable, Mass., and was a great worker in propagating the blessed principles of Chris-

tianity. She was a descendant of Gov. Thomas Hinkley, the first Governor, of Barnstable, Mass., and one of the early magistrates of the Pilgrims.

Our subject's parents had six children, namely: Mary E.; William H., the subject of this sketch; Helen M.; Annie C.; Eliza; and Frederick G. Our subject was educated in Boston, but his schooling was cut short abruptly in 1863, when at the age of thirteen, he entered the United States Navy, and for three years saw service in the Atlantic Squadron, and also in the Pacific Squadron. He then entered the merchant marine, and remained there until 1879; during that time he was with the expedition that took possession of Russian America; he was stationed on board the *Ossipee*, and is supposed to be the only one living at this time that took part in that important event. During his connection with the merchant marine he circumnavigated the globe three times, and was only wrecked once, that being off Cape Cod. After his retirement from the navy, he settled in Grand Rapids, Mich., and worked at the manufacture of furniture for a while, but eventually came to Campton Village and bought a one-half interest of the store of G. W. Robinson, and with him as a partner conducted a general store for a period of eight months. Then Joseph Cook bought out Mr. Robinson, and the business was then carried on under the firm name of Cook & Adams until Mr. Cook died, June 12, 1891; since that time our subject has managed the business alone.

In 1891 Mr. Adams bought the site of the old Morrison store, that had burned down, and built a handsome store, 72x32, with basement, sheds, and store-house. He makes use of the basement, first and part of the second floor. In such commodious quarters he has one of the most complete general stores in the town of Campton; the store is finished in natural wood, with excellent lighting facilities from the large front windows, and is well stocked with a very carefully selected line of goods. There is a fine office fitted up in the store that corresponds with the general appearance of the rest of the store. The townspeople are justly proud of this splendid structure that adds so much to the good appearance of Campton Village. The second floor and the attic are used by the I. O. O. F. as their lodge and banquet rooms. Our subject has served as postmaster of the village for four years, and has

been secretary of the Republican Club for eight years. He is a liberal and open-handed supporter of the Congregational Church. He is a member of the Olive Branch Lodge, F. & A. M.; and also of the Pemigewasset Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M., of Plymouth, N. H.

Mr. Adams married Sarah F., daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Kenrick) Cook. Joseph Cook was a son of Moody Cook, and was born in Campton, making his home on the homestead with his parents until the years of manhood. He then bought a farm near by, at the head of the Bog Valley, which he conducted with profit until the year 1847, when he came to Campton Village and entered the mercantile business. He was associated, as we have noted above, with our subject; he also built a shop and manufactured clothing. In that business he was twice burned out, but rebuilt each time. He also ran the Hillside Boarding House for a few seasons. He married Sally P., daughter of Gen. Moses Cook; she died in February, 1847, leaving him two children: Perkins T. and Luella F. He was again joined in marriage, the lady of his choice being Eliza, daughter of Alexander and Eliza (Barker) Kenrick. Eliza was born Oct. 23, 1822; her father was a sea-faring man. Joseph Cook by his second marriage had the following children: an infant daughter, who died while a babe; Ella F.; Sarah F.; Lucy E.; and Alice K.

Mr. Adams is the father of the following children: Helen Eliza, born at Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb 15, 1880; Lucy Cook was born March 20, 1882, and died Aug. 12, 1884; Marion Frances, born in Campton, May 8, 1885; Ida Elizabeth, born in Campton, June 9, 1887.

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DARIUS MOULTON, one of the leading citizens of West Campton, N. H., and proprietor of one of the largest general stores in that part of the county, was born in Ellsworth, Feb. 7, 1842, and is the adopted son of Edmund and Betsey (Hill) Moulton. Edmund Moulton was one of the pioneer farmers of Ellsworth, and after clearing and improving his farm, he moved to the town of Campton and purchased a farm, where he followed the pursuit of agriculture, and was one of the leading and substantial men of

his community. He and his wife died about the age of seventy.

Darius Moulton early in life learned the carpenter's trade, which he labored at until he enlisted for the war. He enrolled his name to fight under the Stars and Stripes, August, 1862, and became a member of Co. A., 6th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf. He joined the army at Antietam, and served two years and nine months, being discharged in May, 1865. At Spottsylvania he received a wound in the left shoulder, and was taken prisoner at Chapin's Farm, Va. He was first taken to Libby Prison, and later transferred to Salisbury, N. C. Altogether he suffered the torments and cruelties of five months of Confederate prison life.

After the war he bought the D. M. Rowe place at West Campton, improved the property, and followed his trade until 1884, when he bought the E. H. Sanborn store, and has since carried on a general store stocked with a well-selected line of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, etc. He has one of the largest and best-kept stores in that section of the county, and has patrons from many localities. His uniform rule has been to please everyone, and to see that no one goes away from the store dissatisfied because of lack of attention or of courtesy. He has shown exceptional business tact and skill in his management, and deserves credit for the straight-forward method of dealing with everyone, that wins the confidence and good wishes of many patrons. His integrity is as unquestioned as his business ability.

He married Julia A., daughter of Stephen Ordway of Constableville, N. Y. Two children have come to brighten the household and to be a comfort in their declining years. Jennie Eudora, born in 1870, is a professional nurse. Alice May, born in 1874, married D. M. Young, and lives at West Campton. She has presented her husband with two children: Julia Blanche and Carl Darius. In his religious views our subject has favored the M. E. Church, and is closely identified with the good work of that organization. He is generous and liberal in all his gifts, and a good friend to the unfortunate one. He is an unyielding supporter of the Republican ticket, and served in 1895 as selectman of the town. His able and careful work in office won him the thanks of many of his fellow-citizens.



GEORGE W. FULLER, a farmer of the town of Littleton, and a veteran of the late war for the Union, was born in Littleton, N. H., Oct. 23, 1832; he is a son of Thomas and Lydia (Clay) Fuller. Thomas Fuller was born in Bristol, Grafton Co., N. H., May 13, 1787; when a young man he went to Lancaster and bought a farm and made it his home for a few years, working at his occupation of a farmer; at length selling his property, he went to Dalton, N. H., and purchased a 100-acre tract of timber land, and set about to clear it. After having put the greater part of it under cultivation, and having erected farm buildings, he sold the farm and removed to the town of Littleton, where he bought the farm now owned by B. W. Kilburn of Littleton, and there he opened up a brick-yard, the first in the town, and carried on the manufacture of bricks after the old style; the supply of bricks being exceedingly limited in that part of the county, he found a ready demand for his product, and he was able to realize very largely on his plant when he sold it and moved to North Littleton. In North Littleton he carried on general farming a few years, and then sold and bought the Brooks's stand at Dalton, N. H., and kept the village hotel there for fifteen years. Upon his retirement from the hotel business he bought a farm near by, and was actively engaged in farming up to a very short time before his death, March 11, 1878, at the age of ninety-one years. He married as his first wife Mary Clay; by her early death our subject's father was left a widower with the following six children: Luther W., Edgar R., Chase C., Robie C., Lydia I., and Lovina G. His second wife, the mother of our subject, was Lydia, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Clay. She was born July 15, 1793, and died April 11, 1880; her children were: Mary Jane and George W. Mr. Fuller was a Whig and later a Republican in politics. In religious belief he was a Universalist, while his wife was a member of the M. E. Church.

George W. Fuller, after acquiring a district school education, took up the occupation of stage driving, having the route from Lancaster, N. H., to St. Johnsbury, Vt.; he also accompanied touring parties through the mountains as a guide, becoming very skilled in this line and much sought after by the sight-seeing public. In 1864 he enlisted in Co. I., N. H. Heavy Artillery,

and served eleven months for his country. Returning to New Hampshire, he determined to settle down permanently, and for this purpose in 1865 purchased the Moses Dow farm in North Littleton, where he has resided since. His farm gives abundant evidence of thrift and enterprise; the buildings have been built over, and now are fully adequate to their owner's needs; his live stock includes a choice herd of cows. He is a member of Sanders Post, No. 48, G. A. R.

Mr. Fuller married Miss Lucy A. Fisk, daughter of William and Adaline (Dyke) Fisk. Their only child, Charles E., born Aug. 2, 1859, married Miss Minnie Fuller, and has one child, J. Mabel. Charles E. Fuller owns a farm adjoining that of his father's, and is a saddlemaker by trade.

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DAVID P. FOSS, is a leading citizen of Campton Village, and proprietor of the Hotel Foss. He was born in the town of Thornton, Grafton Co., May 18, 1840, and is a son of Carter and Mahala (Whitney) Foss, and grandson of Ebenezer and a Miss Hoyt. Ebenezer Foss came from Concord, N. H., among the very first settlers, and located a farm on the Mad River, town of Thornton, Grafton Co. The farm was chiefly of forest land, and Mr. Foss cleared and cultivated it, making it very productive. He was a wide-awake, progressive man, and not afraid of hard labor. Both he and his good wife lived to an advanced age. Their children were: Ebenezer, John H., Carter, Langdon, Stephen, Milton, Ruth, Sally, Betsey, and Jacob.

Carter Foss, our subject's father, learned the trade of a carpenter early in life, and worked at it several years, also engaging in the business of moving houses, and of general contracting. He bought a large unimproved farm in the town of Thornton, on the Mad River, and cleared the land, remodeled the farm buildings, and sold it about the year 1840, realizing a good profit. He then bought another farm, where his son's family now reside, and on it built a work-shop and carried on the manufacture and repairs of wagons; many of his wagons are in active service yet, and show his good and conscientious workmanship. Carter Foss was in vigorous health up to a year



preceding his death. His death occurred in his ninety-fourth year. His wife died at the age of eighty-nine. They were both of strong, hearty constitutions. The children born to them were: John; Stephen; Julia; Walter; and Stillman; and our subject, David P.

David P. Foss made his start in life by buying a farm in the town of Thornton; in 1870, however, he went to Hillsboro, Wis., and purchased a 120-acre tract of new land, and set about its improvement, by erecting buildings, clearing the land of its timber. He soon was esteemed as one of the leading farmers of that section, but he was not permitted to remain in the west, for his services were required at home to care for his aged parents. Accordingly, he sold his property in Wisconsin, in 1882, returned east and took charge of the homestead till the death of his parents. He then bought the 'bus line running between the village and the railroad depot, and also engaged in carrying guests to the many mountain homes and hotels. He carried on this line of business for five years, and sold out, and has since been practically retired from active business, except such work as was necessary in looking after his property. His commodious and well-appointed home is located in the center of the village, at the junction of the two streets, and is undoubtedly the pleasantest home in the village. For some years he has furnished accommodations to the traveling public at his home; it is not advertised as a hotel, nor does Mr. Foss claim it to be one. The generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Foss is enjoyed by a large circle of warm acquaintances. No social gathering is complete without their enlivening presence; genial and warm-hearted, they win the love and respect of everyone. Their home is surrounded by neat and well-kept grounds, which they naturally take great pride in. Our subject is continually making improvements, and beautifying the premises. He is a lover of good horses, and always keeps some of the best in his large and well-arranged stables.

Mr. Foss married Ida M., daughter of William and Sarah (Whitney) Merrill. He is a staunch Republican in his political sympathies, and, although very active in the interests of the party of his choice, he has never accepted any office which his friends and admirers would have bestowed upon him.

REUBEN H. AVERY, a retired carpenter and farmer of the town of Campton, Grafton Co., was born in Ellsworth, N. H., Feb. 17, 1826. He is a son of Samuel and Temperance (Avery) Avery, and a grandson of David Avery and a Miss Willey. David Avery's birth-place is not positively known; he was a farmer and owned farms in Rumney and Campton. He and his wife possessed strong and robust constitutions, and lived to a good old age. They reared a large family of children, among whom were David, Jr., Ezra, and Samuel.

Samuel Avery, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Campton and settled in Ellsworth. There he bought a farm and occupied himself in tilling the soil and in laboring at his trade of a carpenter. Later on he moved to Campton, where he died at the age of seventy; his wife was also about that age at her death. Samuel Avery was a Whig. His children were: Mary S., William, Oliver, Harris, Betsey, Reuben H., Riley, Ezra, and Moses H.

Reuben H. Avery learned the trade of a carpenter early in life and followed it to a great extent through life. In 1877 he bought the Joseph Smith farm in the town of Campton, on the banks of the Pemigewasset River, and built a new house and barns, and in many other ways improved the property. He was very active in business until 1893, when he retired from active life. He has been a remarkably successful man and has accumulated a comfortable fortune; he enjoys the respect and friendship of all those who have had the good fortune to meet him.

In 1849 he married Lucinda N., daughter of John Stevens of Ellsworth. She was born Sept. 21, 1825, and died May 19, 1857. He married as his second wife Almira A. (Hunt) Wiggins, daughter of James Hunt. She died Oct. 29, 1874, at the age of forty-four. She left her husband four children as a precious legacy: Frederick A., born May 4, 1860, and died in 1863; Albert E., born Oct. 30, 1862, married Gertrude Calley, and has one child, Lester A.; he is a merchant of Lancaster, N. H.; Reuben L., born March 22, 1867, married Addie Carr, who died, leaving him one child, Addie; he is a lumber dealer; George E., born Nov. 6, 1869, has charge of his father's farm, and looks after all the interests of the various properties of his father; he lives at home. Mr. Avery was again





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joined in marriage, the lady of his choice being Betsey R., daughter of John and Hannah (Ramsey) Homans. He was a Democrat in his early days, but has always supported the Republican party since its organization. He is a strong advocate in the cause of temperance, and would like to see temperance laws in force throughout the State.

**HON. HENRY C. LIBBEY.** Our list of the leading citizens of the town of Lisbon would be decidedly incomplete without the addition of the name that heads this personal sketch. He is interested in many enterprises that have built up and benefited the town in many ways, and his concern for the welfare of the town is never abated. He was born in Bethlehem, N. H., Aug. 2, 1839; he is a son of Nathaniel and Tirza (Lord) Libbey, and grandson of Charles and Sarah (Pray) Libbey. Our subject's education was received in the common schools of Whitefield, Coos Co., N. H.; when he had finished his schooling, he turned his attention to lumbering, which has remained his principal occupation, with very profitable results. He is a member of a stock company, and also its treasurer and general manager with office at Lisbon, N. H., which owns and operates mills for the dressing of lumber in Rimouski, Canada. He is also a stockholder and president of the Saranac Glove Co. of Littleton, N. H. He is president and manager of the Lisbon Edison Electric Light Co. of Lisbon, N. H. In the Lisbon Bank and Trust Co. he is also a stockholder.

Charles Libbey, the grandfather of Henry C. Libbey, was born in Berwick, Me., Dec. 16, 1749, and followed the occupation of a farmer all his life. His wife bore him six children, namely: Abigail, Experience, John, Jeremiah, Joshua, and Nathaniel.

Nathaniel Libbey was born in Berwick, Me., Dec. 22, 1790, and in his early manhood took up a sea-faring life, but after a few years' trial of its dangers, he turned his attention to the milling business. He bought mills at Ossipee, N. H., and remained there for about twenty years, moving from there to Bethlehem, N. H., where he turned his attention to lumbering several years.

He eventually settled on a farm in Bethlehem, where he passed his declining years in peace and quiet. He represented the town of Bethlehem in the State Legislature. His wife was a daughter of Nathan Lord of Lebanon, Me. There were born to them eleven children: Mercy A., Charles, Sarah Ann, Elizabeth R., Daniel L., Jeremiah, Hannah M., John Q., George W., Nathaniel W., and Henry C., the subject of this sketch. Our subject's father died July 18, 1840; and his mother finished her career and joined the great throng on the other shore Oct. 24, 1846.

Our subject is strongly Republican in his political views, but has not taken a very active interest in politics; he represented the town of Lisbon in the State Legislature in 1894. Socially, he is a member of Whitefield Lodge, F. & A. M., of Whitefield, N. H. On Nov. 22, 1865, he married Ellen M., daughter of Henry and Evelyn Thomas of Littleton, N. H.; by this union they have become the fond parents of four children: Blanche T., born Sept. 7, 1866; Herman T., July 6, 1868; Grace E., June 13, 1878; and Ethel M., Aug. 24, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Libbey are faithful attendants of the M. E. Church of Lisbon, N. H.

The portrait of Mr. Libbey appears on another page of this work.

**IRVIN W. SMITH**, who is well known among the leading agriculturists of the town, is located in the Connecticut Valley at North Littleton. He was born March 25, 1862, and is a son of Rufus and Lusella M. (Town) Smith, grandson of Josiah and Margaret (Sanborn) Smith, and great-grandson of Zebulon and Elizabeth (Folscom) Smith. Zebulon Smith, who was a son of Benjamin Smith, and grandson of Joseph Smith of old Puritan stock, was born April 1, 1767, and followed the occupation of farming, holding by no means an unimportant place in the esteem and respect of his neighbors. He lived in Stratham, N. H., and died at the age of fifty.

Josiah Smith was born in Sanbornton, where his parents were living, Nov. 28, 1800; he learned the stone-cutter's trade, and removed to North Littleton, where he bought 100 acres of timber

land, and started in to clear and cultivate it. In addition to his regular occupation of farming, he followed his trade of stone-cutting. Later he bought the farm, where our subject resides, and while living there was appointed postmaster of North Littleton, and filled the office very acceptably through his term. That was the first post-office ever established in the town of North Littleton, and the only one for miles, and people even from Bethlehem used to come to North Littleton for their mail. Mr. Smith was popular and well liked. In politics he was a stanch Democrat and took great pride in witnessing the evolutions of the militia on the general training days. He died Oct. 21, 1864. His wife lived to the age of seventy-two, departing this life April 23, 1873. Their children were as follows: Samuel; Rufus; Wellington; and the twins, Elizabeth and Judith.

Rufus Smith, our subject's father, was born in Littleton, Aug. 16, 1830, and attended the public and select schools. Like his father, he also learned the trade of stone-cutting, and worked at it for his support when only eighteen years old. His first home was the B. F. Elliott farm, where he farmed and worked at his trade, remaining there for about ten years, selling so as to realize a good profit for the many improvements he had made that added much real value to the property. He then bought his father's farm, and has made it his home since; he has built himself a shop, where he has fitted stone for monumental and building purposes. Mr. Smith was ever wide-awake in adopting improved methods, and in improving the grade of his live stock; he owns a very nice herd of cows, and derives a comfortable income from them. He has always supported the Republican ticket, but has never brought forward his name in urging his nomination. He is liberal in his religious views, and a member of the Burns Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 66, of Littleton. He married Miss Lusella M. Town, daughter of James W. Town of the town of Littleton. The children in our subject's parents' family were as follows: Addie E., who died at the age of twenty-seven, was the wife of Edward Barry, and left at her death one child, Martha B., who resides on the old homestead with her grandfather; Minnie E. died at the age of fifteen; Irvin W. is the subject of this short sketch; Erwin J., born July 13, 1864, married Mary Cary, and resides in Apthorp, N. H.,

where he has charge of the granite works; he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is also a Mason; George W., born May 6, 1873, is a stone-cutter in North Littleton, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge.

Irvin W. Smith has always stayed at home with his father, and is now associated as a partner in farming. In 1896, he made several needed and beneficial improvements in the home, and by his excellent work in managing the farm has proved that he is entitled to a high rank among the intelligent, progressive farmers of Grafton Co. He married Miss Stella S. Lang, daughter of Jonathan Lang. In his political views our subject is a Republican, and is a chairman of the school board, and has taken an extraordinarily keen interest in the town schools.

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JONATHAN P. MASON, a well-known representative farmer of the town of Campton, N. H., was born in the town of Thornton, June 16, 1830, and is a son of James and Mary (Pearson) Mason. Our subject's father was born in Chichester, N. H., and entered upon the stern realities of life as a farmer. He went to the town of Thornton, Grafton Co., where he bought 100 acres of practically new and uncultivated land; he cleared the land, erected a house and necessary out-buildings. There he reared his family. He was not very strong, physically, nor blessed with the best of health, yet by perseverance and good judgment he so improved his farm and its surroundings as to place him among the most successful farmers of the town. In politics he was a Democrat, but never aspired to any office. He belonged to the Free Will Baptist Church. He died at the age of seventy-six, and his wife also was called to a better land at about the same age. They were blessed with sixteen children, fourteen of whom grew up to noble manhood and womanhood. They were: John, who died young; an infant son, unnamed; Caleb; Andrew; Samuel; James; Thomas, killed in the late war; Jonathan P.; and Charles were the boys; and the girls were: Rhoda, Mary, Sarah, Martha, Ruhamah, Mehitabel, and Almaretta.

Our subject and his brother Charles stayed with their parents and cared for them in their old age, inheriting the homestead at their death.



The homestead is now owned by William Willey; our subject, after the division of the farm, cultivated his portion till 1866, when he sold it. The following eighteen years were spent farming in summers, and during falls he engaged in making starch. In 1884 he bought the Christopher Smith place of 200 acres of land in the town of Campton, on Cook's Hill, one of the best upland farms in the town. The land is valuable and under an advanced state of cultivation, and everything about the place seems to indicate not only that the proprietor has a thorough and complete knowledge of his vocation, but that he has put that knowledge to practical use; there is a large orchard of the best of fruit, and the buildings are in excellent repair. The location is unexcelled for fine views of the natural beauties of New Hampshire; it is on the west side of the town and commands an extensive, open view of the Pemigewasset Valley, and Mad River Valley, and the many summer hotels and resorts bordering their streams. An excellent view of Mt. Lafayette and the Haystacks may also be obtained, and of the Franconia Mountains, and the Notch, which opens to Mt. Washington. Among his farming interests is a large and well-conducted dairy.

He married Mrs. Rebecca Jane Smith, relict of the late Rev. David Smith. Rev. Smith was born on the farm that our subject now owns, and was a son of Christopher Smith. Rev. Smith was ordained a minister of the Christian Church, and followed that sacred calling till he was stricken down in the very prime of life, at the age of thirty-five, by hemorrhage of the lungs. He left five children: Reuben, born in 1863, is an assistant at the Rhode Island State Alms House, and when at home a ready helper of our subject; Mary, born in 1865, married Dr. F. C. Suiter of La Crosse, Wis.; Frances is a teacher, and is at home most of the time; John, born in 1868, married Delma Wilson, and has one child, Richard; David, born in 1869, is a farmer of Waverly, Mass. There were two other children, Maggie L. and Jennie W., who died while infants. Our subject's wife was born in Bath, N. Y., and is a daughter of Garrett and Margaret (Coleman) Stout. Garrett Stout began life as a farmer, but later moved to Waterloo, Iowa, bought and operated a grist-mill besides his ordinary farming duties. He still lives in Iowa, aged

eighty years. His wife died, aged seventy-one years. Their children were: Rebecca Jane, Sarah Helen, John Coleman, and Frances Elizabeth.

Mr. Mason has always been a staunch Democrat, but has refused to fill any office since he came to Campton; he is fully able to perform the work of any office at the gift of his fellow-townsmen with fidelity and credit, for he bears a good record from the town of Thornton, where he served as selectman. He is a member in good standing in the local Christian Church of Thornton. Mrs. Mason is also a member. Mr. Mason was a firm Union man, and furnished a man to serve in his place during the war.

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EDMUND HARVEY ELLIOTT, the largest ladder manufacturer of New England, was born in the town of Rumney, May 8, 1834, and is a son of Daniel and Dorcas (Baker) Elliott, and a grandson of Daniel Elliott, whose earliest occupation, that we have any creditable information concerning, was keeping hotel at Enfield, N. H. He was also a large land-owner, and carried on a large farm, being one of the leading business men of his town. He retired rather early in life and sold his property, dying about the age of sixty. He was united twice in the matrimonial bond. By his first wife he had one child, Sally. The children by his second wife were: Jotham, Harvey, Paulina, Daniel, Arnold, Wheelock, Alden, Obadiah, Hiram, Louise, Almira, Maria, and Laura.

Daniel Elliott, the father of our subject, was born in Enfield, N. H., in 1806, and came to Rumney in 1822, and bought an unimproved farm by the Stinson Brook, built a dwelling-house, and set to work to clear the land. There were no saw-mills in that locality at that time, and so Daniel Elliott built a saw-mill on the brook, realizing that it would add great value to his timber lands. He at once began lumbering to a large extent, and bought much timber land, especially such as was fit to be used by the lumberman. He became very active in his lumbering and sawing industry, clearing large tracts of land, sawing the logs and marketing the same. He wore out his first saw-mill, and al-



most wore out the second one. He was the largest lumberman of this section, and owned 1,800 acres of land, of which he cleared 100 acres as a farm; he also made shingles of the pine logs. He was a very strong man physically, and possessed an extremely good and discriminating judgment; he was a hard worker, and was able to accomplish what two men would ordinarily do. He was kind-hearted, and proud of his large family, and his loving companion of so many years, who reared them to be noble men and women. To the very last he was engaged in his usual hearty work; his death took place at the age of eighty-one; his wife was taken from the midst of a sorrowing family at the age of fifty-two, by heart failure, following a severe case of spotted fever. Daniel and Dorcas Elliott reared the following children: Horatio B., born June 23, 1829; Dorcas M., born Sept. 29, 1830; Phoebe E., born July 12, 1832; Edmund H., born May 8, 1834; Hester M., born Jan. 29, 1836; James B., born Sept. 30, 1837; Clorinda A., born Sept. 5, 1839; Henry B., born Feb. 23, 1841; Perley C., born Dec. 26, 1842; Jerusha A., born Feb. 13, 1845; Helen M., born July 26, 1846; Ruby A., born Sept. 11, 1848; Augustus W., born Oct. 5, 1849; Eugene S., born Jan. 14, 1851; Roxanna J., born Dec. 29, 1851; Lemuel S., born Dec. 6, 1852; Celestia A., born Feb. 13, 1854; Thomas O., who died in childhood. In all there were eighteen children in the first family, of whom fifteen grew to maturity and twelve are living now. Mr. Elliott's second wife was Sarah Buzzell; one child was born to them, but it died young. He was a Democrat in his politics, and served in office as selectman, and in minor positions of trust. Religiously he was a Universalist.

Edmund Harvey Elliott was educated in the public schools of Rumney, and assisted his father till he finished the years of his minority, when he worked a few years in the saw-mills and in the manufacture of wooden pegs at Ashland, N. H. Later he was employed in the ladder factory at Rumney; then he bought the Cotton Smart farm of 150 acres, bordering on Stinson Lake, and built a dam and saw-mill opposite the house, and carried on general sawing for about five years. At length he enlarged his business and began the manufacture of the pole ladder of spruce, with oak rounds. This ladder has been on the

market for fifteen years, and has to-day a widespread reputation. He manufactures 140,000 feet of ladders annually, and ships ladders by the car-load lots to various points in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, besides supplying and controlling the home market. In order to obtain timber he has purchased tract after tract of wooded land, until now he owns 1,400 acres in this and adjoining towns. The fine river farm, known as the Davis farm, is owned by him, and is used principally for hay for his splendid teams of horses and oxen. He also owns a large pasture lot, bordering on the brook. He is a large employer of labor, both in the mills and in the woods. His residence and other buildings have been altered and enlarged, new barns and carriage houses erected, so that his home presents a very prosperous appearance. He is one of the largest, as well as most favorably known, of the business men of this portion of the county; like his father, a finer man is rarely to be met; not only in business life is he worthy of emulation, but also in his family and neighborly relations.

He has been married twice; his first wife was Ellen, daughter of Ezekiel and Orissa (Blanchard) Cheever of Fort Covington, N. Y. She died at the age of fifty-four. The children were: Wilbur H., born Oct. 26, 1861, married Carrie Page, they lost one son, Wilbur H. Wilbur H. assists his father in the ladder business. Lizzie, born April 12, 1863, died October, 1873. Henry A., born July 27, 1867, married Hattie Smart, and has one child by the marriage, Howard N. He is a physician and surgeon of Barnet, Vt. Frederick H., born June 14, 1876, is head clerk at Craig's general store, at Rumney depot. Our subject married as his second wife Ada N., daughter of Samuel and Mary (Jones) Cheever. Samuel Cheevers was born in Danvers, Mass., and is a son of Nathan and Mehitabel (Porter) Cheevers, who were among the early and successful tillers of the soil of Dorchester, Grafton Co. Nathan Cheevers died about the age of sixty; his wife lived to be ninety-three years of age before the invisible summons came. They had nine children, all blessed with strong constitutions, and living to a good old age; a period of sixty years passed without a death occurring in the family. Their son Samuel was one of the intelligent, wide-awake farmers of the town of Dorchester, and owned a large farm, near where

the postoffice of Cheevers is now located. Samuel died in 1894, at the age of eighty-seven, and his wife died in 1880, aged fifty-five. Their children were: Ada N., Nathan S., Mary E., George Vernon, and Edson J. The eldest and the youngest children are the only ones surviving to-day.

Mr. Elliott is a strong Democrat, and has the conviction of his beliefs, and is fearless in the expression of his opinions. His business life has given him no opportunity to hold office; time has been too valuable. In his religious views he is a Universalist.

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JOHN N. KINNE, a practical machinist and farmer of the town of Groton, was born in Jefferson, Coos Co., June 7, 1842; his parents were: Rev. Sewall G. and Henrietta R. (Stevens) Kinne, and his grandparents were Luther and Pasha (Miller) Kinne.

The representative of the Kinne family, who first made his home in this country, settled in Pomfret, Conn., and there the grandfather of our subject was born, or else in Hanover, N. H.; it is not definitely known which place may claim the distinction. He was born Dec. 15, 1799, and owned a farm in Hanover, N. H., but later in life sold his property there and bought a piece of farming property in Canaan, N. H., where he lived till his death, Dec. 7, 1849. His wife departed this life Jan. 14, 1850. Their family consisted of the following children: Esther, born June 15, 1803; Eunice, Nov. 13, 1804; Amos, June 2, 1807; Sewall G., Nov. 2, 1809; Luther, Jr., May 30, 1812; John M., April 15, 1814; Lovica, Aug. 11, 1816; Esther (second), Jan. 3, 1820; and Horace, March 24, 1823.

Rev. Sewall G. Kinne received the best of a common school education, and finished his theological course at New Hampton, and was ordained a minister of the Baptist faith. His active work in the ministry spanned a period of thirty-four years, twenty years of which was spent in North Groton as pastor of the Baptist Church, at the same time supplying other pulpits. He built him a house in North Groton, where he resided for many years; the house is now owned by L. R. Brown. Rev. Kinne lived to enjoy sixty-two years of useful work before he was

called home to render his account to his Master. His wife, who was born June 30, 1820, is still living, and is making her home with her son; she was a daughter of Moses and Susan (Clark) Stevens. They were blessed with three children: Esther E., born Sept. 16, 1840; John N., the subject of this sketch; and Baron, born March 1, 1853. Our subject's father was a Democrat in his early years, until the election of Franklin Pierce to the Presidency, when he joined the Whig party, and ever afterward supported the Whig and Republican organizations. An interesting fact worthy of being noted is that he was the first Postmaster that North Groton had, and the first man to mail a letter was R. H. McClure.

John N. Kinne attended the schools regularly until his seventeenth year, when he learned the trade of machinist, serving one year in Groton and two years in Enfield, when he went to the Manchester Locomotive Works, and worked there eight years. He was married, Dec. 24, 1863, to Miss Tamson B. Mathews, daughter of James and Betsey (Bachelder) Mathews. Our subject's wife was born Oct. 11, 1839; her father was a native of Dorchester, N. H., but when a young man came to Groton and bought the Merrill farm of seventy acres, and carried on general farming for the remainder of his life, which came to an end at the advanced age of eighty-four. His wife responded to the invisible summons at the age of seventy-four. Their children were: Mary J., John D., Harriet M., Eliza A., Sarah A., Charles B., and Tamson B.

When Mr. Kinne came to Groton he purchased a farm adjoining that of his wife's parents; as his father and mother were getting along in years and wished to retire to a peaceful country life, he let them have the farm he bought and he then purchased the farm of his wife's parents and lived there, taking care of the old folks. He made many improvements of a permanent nature, that have increased the value of the property to a large degree; more farm buildings have been erected, and the old ones repaired and remodeled to suit greater needs. Besides his general farming, he is interested in mining of mica; he has opened a mine on his farm, which is rich in promise and assures him of large future returns. He has also superintended other mines, such as the Meriden Mica Mining Co., the Bay State Mining Co., and the



D. W. Lyman Mining Co., of Providence, the mines being located in the town of Groton. Mr. Kinne has a choice dairy of cows in which he takes a great interest. He is a great lover of fine horses, and has bred and raised some of the best horses ever raised in the town; he still owns some very fine animals.

The children that have been born to our subject and his wife are as follows: Sewall M., born Jan. 3, 1870; and Josie A., born Aug. 23, 1873. Sewall M. married Lizzie Campbell, and owns and operates a farm of 100 acres adjoining his father's property. Josie A. married James Giff, and has borne him two children: Cora, born Sept. 30, 1891; and Rosie, born Sept. 20, 1895. Mr. Kinne is a Republican in respect of his political views, and has served four terms as selectman, seven years as collector of taxes, besides positions on the school board, as moderator, etc. The entire family are Baptists.

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CHARLES G. WEBSTER, one of the leading farmers and citizens of the town of Campton, Grafton Co., N. H., was born in Campton, N. H., Aug. 16, 1830, and is a son of David and Phebe (Clark) Webster, and a grandson of Eliphalet Webster. Our subject's grandfather was a farmer, and was engaged in that vocation nearly all his life.

David Webster's birth-place was Holderness, and he first saw the light of day there, on Sept. 1, 1794. He settled in the town of Campton. He engaged in a very successful venture, which he pursued for a large portion of his life, of transferring freight from his native town to Boston and back. The journey consumed ten days, five days each way; his load to Boston would consist of farm produce, which he would exchange there for merchandise for the merchants in this vicinity. He carried on a large trade in this line of work; one of his loads of merchandise was weighed by the city weigher of Boston and found to weigh seven tons and 776 pounds. He finally retired from this business and bought a small farm of J. Keniston; he built a house and barns, and made it his home till his death, which occurred Feb. 28, 1861. He married as his first wife Olive H. Smith, who was born Feb. 22,

1799, and died May 17, 1825. Her children were: William R., born Feb. 19, 1820; Annette G., born May 14, 1821; Erastus, born April 2, 1823. His second wife was Phebe F. Clark, whom he married Nov. 29, 1827; she was born April 21, 1806, and departed this life July 16, 1871. Her children were as follows: Olive Jane, born Oct. 19, 1828; Charles G., born Aug. 16, 1830; Jason, born Jan. 10, 1833, and met his death in the late war; David, born April 14, 1835; Alfred, born Nov. 24, 1837; and Emily G., born Nov. 26, 1839. Mr. Webster was a Whig, and later a Republican, and took an intelligent interest in all matters concerning the welfare of the community. He served as tax collector, and in other of the minor offices of the town.

Charles G. Webster attended the public schools with a boyish determination to acquire an education. He improved every opportunity, but circumstances forced him at the early age of ten years to work for Gardner Spencer, and to begin the life of a farmer. He stayed with Mr. Spencer six years, and then followed agriculture with others for four years, when he tried working on the river for a time. He was then engaged in the Lawrence Mills, then the Three Rivers, Canada, and in the mills at Lowell, Mass., working in these mills ten years. Desiring to settle down to a peaceful, undisturbed life, he adopted the calling of his youth, and made a remarkable success. He purchased a part of the Deacon Goodhue farm of 100 acres, where he has since resided; he has added fifty acres to his original purchase. As a part of his farm he has a tract of forty acres of the best interval land; he has in fact one of the choicest and most desirable farms in Campton. The buildings have been remodeled and enlarged to suit his practical ideas; he has now a beautiful home, surrounded by splendid shade trees, and with a grand view of the Pemigewasset Valley and the surrounding mountains. For some years he kept city boarders during the summer, as he was urged so hard that he could hardly refuse, but since the noted Maplewood has become a noted summer hotel on the adjoining property, our subject has only roomed a few.

Mr. Webster married Mary B., daughter of Moses K. and Nancy F. (Plumer) Cawley, natives of Sanbornton, N. H. He has two children, who not only are the pride and the delight







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of their parents, but are also objects of the highest esteem of their neighbors and acquaintances. The elder is Clarendon P., born Oct. 14, 1857, and is the leading dentist of Franklin Falls, and enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He married Miss Ellen E. Hardy. The younger child of Mr. and Mrs. Webster is Mary E., born June 18, 1875. She is a teacher, and resides at home with her parents. Mr. Webster is a Democrat, and has served the town two years as selectman. The family are active and prominent members of the Baptist Church.

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DR. EZRA C. CHASE, a regular medical practitioner of the town of Orford, and a specialist in rectal diseases, is the son of Daniel Chase, and grandson of William Chase, who was descended from William Chase, one of three brothers, William, David, and Aquilla Chase, who came from England. The wife of our subject's grandfather, Mercy Leavitt, was a daughter of Amos Leavitt, who was a pensioner of the Revolutionary War, having served seven years in that struggle. Years after the Revolution, when pensions were first granted, he was paid in Spanish dollars, receiving a hat full of them. Our subject's mother was Lavina Clement, a daughter of Jonathan and Prudence (Wilmington) Clement. Daniel Chase came from Meredith, N. H., and was a farmer by occupation; the last forty years of his life were spent in Piermont.

Dr. Chase was born in Piermont, Oct. 10, 1857, and was the youngest of a family of nine children, of whom but three are now living. Up to the age of eighteen he had received only the educational advantages afforded by the district school, and there his father thought his education might as well end. But our subject was ambitious and determined to enter the profession of medicine; so he began a course of self-instruction, which he constantly pursued with a zeal that would have dismayed a less earnest or plucky student. A pocket leather-bound medical dictionary, which he secured and studied at this time, is affectionately regarded by the Doctor as the first step in his professional life preparation. The regular study of medicine he commenced in 1880, and graduated from the medical

college in March, 1884. He passed with credit the examination of the board of censors, received his license to practice, and immediately located in Orford, where he has built up an extensive and lucrative practice; his professional calls are not confined to the eastern side of the river, but extend along both sides, and afford him all the work that he can attend to. In 1884 he joined the New Hampshire Eclectic Medical Society, and in the ensuing year was elected its vice-president; in 1891 he became a member of the Vermont Medical Society. He was elected a member of the board of censors in 1886, and still retains that position.

In 1876 he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret E. Brooks, and their union has been blessed with three children: Daniel R., who has attended Kimball Union Academy three years, and is now at the Vermont Academy, Saxon's River, Vt., expecting to enter the medical college in 1897; Eda May; and Bernard Bradley. The father of Mrs. Dr. Chase, Stephen Brooks, was a soldier in the late war, and was drowned in one of the vessels, sunk by the rebel ram *Merimac*. Mrs. Chase was nine months old when her father was killed. Her mother was Sarah McGowan, who came from Canada; her brother is a piano-maker of Montreal.

Dr. Chase is a very public-spirited citizen, and active in any movement calculated to benefit the town in its growth and development. He was very influential in organizing the Orford Cheese and Butter Manufactory, which has contributed no small amount to the general prosperity of the town; he was also interested in the movement for removing the toll from the bridge across the Connecticut River to Fairlee, and in the extension of the telephone system of connection he has given his active and most efficient support. In addition to his professional practice he is financially interested in the drug firm of F. W. Abbott & Co. of Fairlee, Vt. Dr. Chase is a member in good standing of Mt. Cube Lodge, No. 10, F. & A. M., of Orford, in which he has presided four times as W. M.; he is also a member of St. Gerard Commandery of K. T. of Littleton, and is a thirty-second degree member of Edward A. Raymond Consistory of Nashua, N. H. The Doctor belongs to seven different and distinct Masonic bodies, and is a representative to the Grand Lodge.



Dr. Ezra C. Chase is a splendid example of what a man may do to advance himself in life; he is a self-made man, so far as that term is commonly accepted, and has made a lasting impression on the life of the town; he is highly esteemed on all sides as a valuable citizen of the town of Orford, whose energy has done much to give him his present prestige, and to further the interests of his townspeople. We feel reasonably certain that the excellent likeness of Dr. Chase, which adorns another page, will add much to the interest that will be taken in this volume.

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HON. ISAAC CALHOUN, a leading business man of the town of Littleton, N. H., was born in Lyman, May 10, 1832; he is a son of James and Philena (Robbins) Calhoun, and a grandson of James and Sarah (Streeter) Calhoun.

James Calhoun, Sr., was of Scotch-Irish descent, and carried on a business as a linen merchant before his emigration to this country. Upon his arrival in the United States he settled in Lyman, N. H., bought a farm, and devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural labors, becoming prosperous and well-to-do, and very much respected by his fellow-townsmen. His death occurred when about fifty years of age; his wife was called home to her well-earned rest at the age of seventy-four. Their children were as follows: Solomon, Rebecca, James, Isaac, Sally, Mary, and David.

James Calhoun, Jr., was born in Lyman, in 1799, and after the death of his father carried on general farming a few years on the homestead, which he had inherited. When he removed to the west part of the town of Littleton and bought a new farm, he sold the homestead and made his home in Littleton until 1861, when he went to Lisbon, and retired from active life, dying at the age of eighty. His wife passed away when seventy-seven years of age, being born in 1801; she was a daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Farr) Robbins. Mr. Robbins was one of the earliest settlers of Littleton; when he came to the town there was but one house, made of logs, standing on the present location of the village of Littleton. Mr. Calhoun in his years of early manhood taught many winter terms of school. He was a

Whig and took a great interest in the cause of anti-slavery. He reared the following children: Isaac, Sarah J., Lydia, Clementine, Mary R., Luella, and Elizabeth.

Isaac Calhoun was the eldest child in his father's family; in his boyhood days he attended the public schools and Newbury Academy to secure an education to better fit him to cope with the duties of life. As a farmer he started out to make his way in life; later on he went to Lisbon and went into the lumber business, adding after a time the produce and butcher business, carrying on a very extensive and profitable trade, which soon placed him in a state of entire independence. He also owned a large farm in Lisbon, but sold it when he disposed of his other business and came to Littleton. He bought the stand now known as N. Flanders's place in 1868, and for a few years carried on a successful business in Littleton as a butcher and produce merchant. As he had accumulated property of various sorts that demanded his time and attention, consisting chiefly of farming land, both at Lisbon and at Littleton, he disposed of the butcher and produce business. He was at one time a part owner of the South Littleton Mills, which had a good run of business while timber was plenty. He was also financially interested in a starch manufactory in Maine, and owned several tenement houses in the town of Littleton. His own residence has one of the prettiest locations in Littleton, with beautiful grounds, carpeted with soft green verdure in the summer; the place was formerly known as the Whittaker residence. Mr. Calhoun has made many useful improvements in the arrangement and the fitting of the house, and has built a large barn and carriage-house. In 1884 he built the H. Libby house on Main Street, and disposed of it at a good price subsequently. Mr. Calhoun has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of Littleton, and has ever been ready to do whatever lay in his power to advance its best interests.

Mr. Calhoun married Miss Lydiaett Hildrith, daughter of Leonard and Hannah Hildreth of Lisbon, N. H.; he was called upon to mourn her sudden taking away at the age of thirty-seven, when in the very prime of womanhood; she left no children. His second wife was Flora Young, daughter of Prescott and Lucy Young of Lisbon,

and have an adopted daughter, Alice M., age fifteen. In political struggles Mr. Calhoun has always supported the Republican party with his vote and all his wide influence; he has served as selectman three terms, and represented the town in the State Legislature of 1889-90. He is a Congregationalist. He is a member of the Masonic Order, being made a Mason in Lisbon, but is now a member of the Burns Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., of Littleton, N. H.

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JOHN BURGIN, Postmaster at Pattenville, town of Littleton, N. H., was born at Lancaster, N. H., Jan. 17, 1820, and is a son of Samuel and Annie (Dunlap) Burgin, and a grandson of John Burgin.

Our subject's grandfather was one of the early pioneers of Lancaster, N. H., where he entered upon the clearing of a large tract of rich timber land; he made many permanent improvements on his farm, erecting substantial buildings, and in other ways demonstrating his progressive and wide-awake nature, ever alive to the real needs of the hour. He was a veteran of the Revolution, and after his death at an advanced age his wife drew a pension from the Government. Their family consisted of the following children: John, Samuel, Abigail, and Tryphena. Mr. Burgin and his wife were both popular members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Samuel Burgin bought a farm and located in East Lancaster, where he engaged in agricultural work and carpentry; the farm was located in the bottom lands of the river, and was interval of the best quality. He was a Republican and a regular attendant of the M. E. Church. He lived to be fifty-five years old; his wife was called home at the age of sixty-three. Following is the list of their children, fourteen in number: Rhoda, Samuel S., William, Mary Ann, Levi, John, Persis, David, Louise, Emily, Louisa, Abigail, Rebecca, and W. Bryant.

John Burgin started out in life as a farmer, but soon turned his attention also to stone work, consisting chiefly of dressing and moving large stones. He married Cordelia A., daughter of Albert and Harriet (Eastman) Millen; Albert Millen was a prominent farmer of Littleton, and a soldier during the Civil War. Their children

were: Cordelia A.; George F., died at the age of eight years; John W., died at the age of twenty-four. After our subject's marriage he took charge of his father-in-law's farm, and took care of the old folks till death relieved him; Mr. Millen died in his seventy-ninth year; his wife responded to the last summons at the age of seventy. In 1871 Mr. Burgin came to Pattenville, his present residence, and bought the home he now owns. In 1891, upon the establishment of a postoffice in Pattenville, Mr. Burgin was appointed the first Postmaster, and is still the popular incumbent of that office.

In the fall of the year of 1862, in response to a call for more troops, Mr. Burgin enlisted in Co. G., 11th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., and served three years, receiving an honorable discharge at the end of the war, June 10, 1865. He was called to the front at Fredericksburg, and received a wound in the hand while fighting before Petersburg. Our subject draws a pension of \$16 per month for disability. Both Mr. Burgin and his wife are blessed with strong constitutions and excellent health; their many warm friends join in wishing them a continued state of joy, health, and prosperity. They reared a large family, and have lived to see them make good beginnings in life's struggle. Their first-born, George, died at the age of eleven years and six months. John E., born Dec. 6, 1855, married Mrs. F. Swett, and lives at Lisbon, N. H., where he is engaged in carpentry work; they have one child, Percie Edward. Edward S., born Oct. 9, 1857, is a prosperous farmer of Cohasset, Minn. Hattie was born Dec. 7, 1863. Samuel A. was accidentally killed by the railroad cars at the age of twenty-four, on May 10, 1892. William A., born Oct. 1, 1868, married Catherine McRavia, who has borne him two children, Myrtle and James E. He is a farmer by occupation, and resides at Waterford, Vt. Andrew G., born March 25, 1870, is also a farmer. Annie E., born Dec. 19, 1874, married Edward Gates of Littleton. In his political attachments Mr. Burgin is a staunch Republican, but with the exception of his present position, has never held office. During the years of his active life he was a member of the G. A. R. Post of Littleton, but when his age and infirmity would not permit him to attend the meetings so far away he took a demit. Religiously, he is a Universalist, and his wife a Free Will Baptist.



GEORGE E. WALKER. Among the representative farmers of the town of Littleton there is no one more worthy of mention in this Book of Biographies than Mr. Walker. He was born at Apthorp, Grafton Co., N. H., Feb. 21, 1864; our subject is a son of Franklin and Martha D. (Gile) Walker, grandson of Simeon and Clarissa (Bacon) Walker, and a great-grandson of Simeon Walker.

Simeon Walker was among the early settlers of Peacham, Vt., coming from Middletown, Conn., with an ox team; he took up a tract of forest land, cleared it, raised crops, built himself farm buildings, and took a prominent place in the affairs of the new settlement, being selected on many occasions to fill positions of trust and honor, serving in most of the town offices.

His son, Simeon, was born in Peacham; he served in the War of 1812, and was taken a prisoner by the British at Ticonderoga; with other prisoners of war he was transported to Nova Scotia, and there released upon the termination of hostilities. After his return to Peacham, he turned his attention to the carpenter's trade, and worked at it all his active years, either in his native town or in Cabot, Vt. He was the victim of a stroke of lightning seventeen years previous to his death, and thereafter could perform no manual work. He died at the home of our subject's father at the age of eighty-one, in 1867. His wife lived to the very exceptional age of ninety-nine; she was a slight little woman, and never sick until the night before her death. Mr. Walker was a Whig in politics, and a Congregationalist in religious belief and attachments. The following children made up the family: Franklin, Hiram, Emily, Caroline, Clarissa, David, and Philena.

Franklin Walker was born in Peacham, Vt., Sept. 3, 1816, and obtained his education in the public schools of his native village; his occupation through life was that of a farmer and a lumberman. At twenty-one years of age he went to Littleton and worked in the lumber mills of that place until 1837, when he took charge of and ran the mills of Squire Brackett. He built himself a house at Apthorp, and afterwards owned several others in the same village. In 1865 he bought the J. Jones farm on Mann's Hill of 120 acres, running in debt for the purchase money to an amount approximating

\$1,200.00. There was quite a quantity of lumber on the farm of very fine quality, but the fields were in a very poor state of cultivation. He cut off some of the timber and brought the arable land up to a better standard; in 1877 he built a new house, tearing down the old structure, that was too far gone to attempt to repair it. The barn was remodeled to suit his ideas of what he desired, and the whole establishment soon took on an appearance of prosperity and thrift it had been totally foreign to; at the last, by very hard work, combined with upright, honest dealings, he had cleared the farm of all debt, laid up a good bank account and owned some twenty head of cattle and other stock. He died Jan. 23, 1895, of a mortal attack of pertinitus. His wife is still living and makes her home with our subject; she was a daughter of Noah and Elizabeth (Farr) Gile of Littleton. Mr. Gile was one of the leading and most prosperous agriculturists of that town; early in life he moved to Burke, Vt., where he died, aged forty-two years, of typhus fever. Four children were born to them: Martha, Dennis, Noah, and Elizabeth. Mr. Walker's first wife was Caroline Colton; she died in early womanhood, leaving three children: Henry F., Emma J., and Clara, all of whom are living. By his second marriage with Martha Gile, the following children were the issue: George E., the subject of this sketch; Frank D., born June 30, 1868, and died July 11, 1869; Winfred N., born April 9, 1874, and died April 8, 1875. Our subject's father was a very active member of the White Mountain Grange.

Our subject obtained his early education in the public schools of his native town, after which he attended the Hanover Agricultural College, graduating from it in 1888. For four winters he taught school, returning to farm labors in the summer. Since his father's death, with the co-operation of his mother, he has taken care of the farm in the most satisfactory manner. His education that he received in the Agricultural College has made him a leader in introducing better and more scientific methods of farming. He was the first in his neighborhood to build a silo, an example that has been widely followed since. A fine herd of graded Jerseys furnish his dairy with the richest of milk, and have proved a most profitable source of income; and has raised a number of fine horses. The question so



often raised, "Can farming be made successful?" finds a convincing answer in the results he has brought about.

Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Inez E. Herbert, daughter of Charles and Mary E. (White) Herbert of Bethlehem. One child, Herbert George, born Sept. 21, 1896, is the result of this union. Our subject's father was an earnest worker in the cause of temperance, and so our subject espouses the cause of Prohibition. He was auditor of the school board in 1892-93-94, and was elected a member of the school board in 1895. He is a Congregationalist in religious belief, as all the family have been. He is a member of the White Mountain Grange, and has served as secretary and overseer of the same, and is now lecturer. He also served as secretary of the Pomona Grange for four years, having been elected December, 1889. He is a member of the Order of Foresters, and holds the office of treasurer and secretary at present.

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HON. WILLIAM HENRY KENISTON is the senior member of the firm of William H. Keniston & Son, millers and manufacturers of square stock for bobbin and chairs, of the town of Rumney; it is the largest business firm in the town. Our subject was born in Northbridge, Mass., Nov. 23, 1833, and is a son of Jacob M. and Sylvia Ann (Croney) Keniston, and grandson of William and Sarah (Morrison) Keniston.

William Keniston was born Oct. 10, 1760, and died Oct. 30, 1853. His wife was born March 25, 1770, and departed this life on the 6th of December, 1839. Their children were: Sally, William H., Agnes, Ebenezer, John, Samuel, David D., Lydia D., Abigail, Jacob, and George W. Mr. Keniston was a leading and influential farmer, and resided in Northbridge, Mass., and Sanbornton, N. H.

Our subject's father, Jacob M. Keniston, was born June 25, 1808, in Sanbornton, N. H., and assisted his father till the years of his majority, when he learned the stone-cutter's trade, and became a very skilled workman. He went to Northbridge, where he labored at his chosen trade, and married there his wife, who was Sylvia Ann, daughter of Henry Croney of Northbridge;

the ceremony took place Sept. 4, 1832. She was born in 1812, and is living in Rumney; she still is blessed with good hearing, and reads without the assistance of any glasses. She helps with many of the light household duties; she is a good conversationalist, and is able to entertain her ready auditors with stories of the early days with its many hardships; she is very much thought of by all of her large circle of acquaintances. After Jacob M. Keniston married, he bought a small farm, in Northbridge, but resided there but a short time, going from that place to Leicester, Mass., where he bought about 300 acres and carried on farming, and worked at his trade for eighteen years. He then came to Rumney, purchased a small farm on the south side of Baker River, where he lived until he retired, when he sold his farm property, and bought a home in Rumney Village. His political views were strongly Democratic; he held many minor offices in the various places of his residence. While living in Leicester, Mass., he had charge of the town farm for four years. He was a Unitarian in his religious belief. He died Oct. 23, 1889. His children were: William H., the subject of this sketch; Abigail, who died at the age of four years; and Annie C., who married C. D. Kelly of Rumney.

William Henry Keniston was educated in the district schools, and in Leicester Academy. He then worked at Worcester, Mass., for A. G. Mann, at granite work for seventeen years. At the end of that time he came to Rumney, bought a water privilege, and the Kelly place, and also the grist-mill of Mr. Colburn. He remodeled and enlarged the grist-mill, fitting it up throughout with new and modern machinery, and has since done a large milling business, besides custom work. Previous to this he built a mill where he manufactures bobbin stock and shingles in large quantities. He purchased 250 acres of timber land on Rattlesnake Hill, where he opened a granite quarry; he also built a mill, adjoining the grist-mill, where he finishes the granite for market—a business he carried on very extensively. The Henry Annis place, on which the house was burned down, he bought, and built a fine new house and barn, and has without doubt one of the very finest residences in town, with a beautiful lawn, well protected with many handsome shade trees; the property con-

sists of some forty acres, adjoining the village property. Mr. Keniston has made a brilliant success of all his business ventures, and when his son grew to manhood he took him into partnership; his son now ranks with his father as being among the foremost business men of the town. Energy and enterprise, with clear-headed business sagacity, have been the means of Mr. Keniston's flattering success. Our subject married Nancy M., daughter of Andrew March of Worcester, Mass. She passed away, in 1891, at the age of fifty-one, leaving one child to survive her, George H. They lost one daughter, Etta M., at the age of nine. George H. married Rosa M. Elliott, and has one child, Gladys May; he is a partner in the firm. Mr. Keniston is in his political views a Democrat, and served in the Legislature as a representative from the town. He is a member of the Mooselanck Lodge, F. & A. M., of Wentworth, N. H. He is also a member of K. of H. Lodge.

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HON. JOSEPH W. BURLEY is a merchant of North Groton, and was born in the town of Dorchester, Grafton Co., N. H., Sept. 11, 1851. He is a son of Gilman and Sarah W. (Foster) Burley, grandson of Joseph and Louise (Dow) Burley, and a great-grandson of Joseph Burley, Sr., who was one of the earliest settlers of the town of Dorchester. His son Joseph was born in that town, and educated himself for the life of a surveyor. He bought a farm and was engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, in addition to his chosen profession; many of the adjoining towns and farms have had their lines established by our subject's grandfather. He married as his first wife Miss Runlett, who died early in life, leaving these children: Joseph B., John, and Lois. The children by his second wife were: Benjamin, Noah, and Gilman. Joseph Burley died at the age of eighty-two; his wife was taken to her promised home in man-sions fair at the age of sixty-five.

Gilman Burley was born on the homestead in Dorchester and received a good public school education, and studied surveying and taught school for a number of years. He eventually learned the surveyor's art, and practiced it to

some extent. He inherited the homestead and bought a wooded tract near by, and carried on the lumber business. He was a very active man, and, to use a popular expression, "never let the grass grow under his feet;" he took a keen interest in all matters relating to the public welfare and good. He died at the age of forty-eight, from typhoid fever, brought on by overwork and exposure. In his political views he was a Democrat of the unflinching type; he served as representative in the Legislature for three terms; he was chairman of the board of selectmen for several years, and was also justice of the peace for a term extending over a period of several years. Religiously he was a Universalist. His wife was taken away to happier scenes at the age of sixty-three; she was a victim of pneumonia. Her father was James Foster. Two children were born to our subject's father: Joseph W., and Scott, who owns and resides on the homestead in Dorchester.

Hon. Joseph W. Burley, after attending the district schools, finished his education in the High School at Bath, N. H. His first start in life as an owner of real estate, was to buy a farm in Dorchester, which he sold in 1881. In that year he bought a store at North Groton and carried on a general store trade for eleven years, when the building was struck by lightning during a severe thunder-storm, and burned to the ground. He then bought the Kidder house, located at the Corners, which had formerly been a store in the early days, and rebuilt it, remodeling and enlarging it into a store and a residence. He has the largest store in the town, and has won a large patronage by his courteous manner and fair and honest dealing. He has purchased some 700 acres of land in the town, 100 of it being a nice farm near the village; the entire farm is given over to cultivation. The remainder of his estate is in forest, bought principally for its valuable deposits of mica. In company with G. W. Bailey he opened, in 1896, a very valuable mica mine, known as Tugg's Hill Mine, which produces some of the finest and largest leaves of mica in Grafton Co. His investment will prove exceedingly profitable some day, when the mines shall have been developed.

Mr. Burley married Georgia A., daughter of Albert and Roxanna Leavitt of Dorchester. Mr. Leavitt is a leading farmer and mill-owner; in







SAMUEL R. MORRISON.

early life he was financially interested in the manufacture of brick. Our subject is a Democrat, and has represented the town in the Legislature of 1889-90. He has been selectman for four years, and chairman of the board two years. He also served as selectman three different terms in the town of Dorchester, and collector of taxes one year; he is at present justice of the peace and town clerk. He is a member of the Moosilanke Lodge, F. & A. M.; and Pemigewasset Chapter, R. A. M. In his religious beliefs he is inclined to be partial towards the Universalist Church.

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SAMUEL R. MORRISON, who is a resident of the town of Orford, N. H., where he is engaged in farming and lumbering, was born in Fairlee, Vt., Oct. 6, 1833; the first thirteen years of his life were spent in Fairlee, and then his parents removed to Orford, where our subject attended the district schools and Orford Academy until he was twenty-one years of age, teaching one winter term of school after he had completed his own education. He then became bookkeeper for a Mr. Tillotson, a large speculator in lumber and other timber products, and continued in this capacity for four years. Upon leaving his employer at the end of that time he became traveling salesman for the North American Lightning Rod Co., remaining with them eight years; during that period he traveled over New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, and over large areas of Canada. He was located two years at Montreal, one year at Quebec, and one year at Three Rivers. Two years before he discontinued his connection with the Lightning Rod Co., he bought the Mt. Cube farm at the base of the mountain of that name, in the town of Orford; this farm, consisting of 150 acres of valuable farming land, he still owns. After farming there a while he went into the lumber trade in partnership with Mr. Tillotson, dealing in lumber and bark; their business became large and yielded most satisfactory returns to the investors; in one year they sold the Passumpsic R. R. 7,000 cords of wood. Mr. Morrison was in this business some ten or fifteen years before the death of Mr. Tillotson, since which time he has carried it on alone.

The farm on which our subject and his son reside is a tract, comprising some seven or eight hundred acres of fine land, suitable for farming purposes; it is known as the old Marston homestead, and is situated not far from Mt. Cube. Mr. Morrison joined his partner, Mr. Tillotson, in its purchase in 1875, subsequently acquiring the entire interest. It is one of the best conducted and best equipped farms in the county, the present owners having spent many thousand dollars in improving the place; in 1896 they built an unusually large and commodious barn, and it is their intention to erect another in 1897.

The Morrison family is of Scotch origin; their family-seat has been the Island of Lewis for more than a thousand years. Tradition affirms that they originated from a descendant of a Norwegian king, Moyres by name. One of the earliest Morrisons in America, and an ancestor of our subject, was Samuel Morrison, who was commonly known as Charter Samuel, because he was one of the grantees of the charter of the town of Londonderry, N. H. His wife was Marguerite Henry. John Morrison, his son, married Elizabeth Alexander, and one of their children, Samuel Morrison, was the great-grandfather of our subject. Samuel Morrison married Mary Roach, and the next in the direct line of descent was their son, Samuel Morrison, Jr. This latter gentleman, the grandfather of our subject, married, in the year 1802, Elizabeth Rowe, who was from Pembroke, N. H., or some adjoining town. Daniel W. Morrison, our subject's father, was born in Fairlee, Vt., 1805, and died in 1864, in the town of Lyme, where he was making his home with one of his sons; he was a farmer all his life. In politics, he was a Whig, but very modest in accepting office. His wife, the mother of Samuel R. Morrison, was Bersha Gage, a daughter of Richard Gage, a farmer of Pelham, N. H., who came to Orford in 1803, when his daughter was three years old. His death took place in 1862.

On Feb. 18, 1860, in the village of Orford, N. H., our subject's nuptials with Adeliza Merrill were consummated; she was a daughter of Stephen and Adaline (Towe) Merrill. Three children have been born to our subject and his wife, as follows: Albert Edwin, who died in infancy; Harry Edgar, born May 4, 1868; and Lettie Adaline. Lettie A., the only daughter,

was completing her fourth year in N. E. Conservatory at Boston, Mass., and within a few months of her graduation, when she was taken ill, and yielded up her young life to Him, who gave it, Feb. 15, 1895, in her twenty-first year. She was a remarkably beautiful girl, and an accomplished vocalist and musician. Her death was a sad blow to her devoted parents and to scores of friends outside the immediate family circle. Harry E. Morrison was married, March, 1889, to Nellie J. Danforth, who died March 11, 1895; she bore her husband one son, Samuel R. Morrison, Jr., who takes after his grandfather in many respects. Harry E. Morrison formed a second matrimonial union, Nov. 25, 1896, with Frances Buzzell of Haverhill, N. H. Harry is a Mason, being a member of Mt. Cube Lodge, No. 10, of Orford; he and his wife are members of Mt. Cube Grange of the town of Orford. He has been a selectman since March, 1896. Samuel R. Morrison has been a prominent man in the town, and has held the following offices: Selectman for four years; tax collector for ten years; and supervisor for a long period.

The publishers of this Book of Biographies of Grafton Co. take pleasure in presenting, in connection with this sketch of his life, Mr. Morrison's portrait, which will be found on a preceding page.

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GEORGE F. ABBOTT, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Littleton, N. H., and until of late years the leading druggist of the village, was born in Littleton, June 7, 1849; he is a son of George and Esther Ann (Parker) Abbott, grandson of Ezra and Marian (Lang) Abbott, and great-grandson of Ezra Abbott, Sr. Our subject is a direct descendant of George Abbott, an early emigrant from England, and among the early settlers of New England.

Ezra Abbott, Sr., was a farmer of Newbury, Vt., removing late in life to Bath, N. H., where he died about eighty years old; his wife was also an octogenarian. The children, who grew up to maturity, were: Reuben, Ezra, and Hannah.

Ezra Abbott, Jr., was born in Newbury, Vt., and served in the War of 1812. He owned and operated a farm in the town of Bath, Grafton Co., until 1820, when he changed his residence to Lit-

tleton, and purchased a farm on Mann's Hill, dying there at the advanced age of eighty-one. His wife passed away to the other shore at the age of sixty-five. Their family consisted of the following children: Sarah, George, Jacob, Mary Ann, and Nancy M., besides several they lost by death when infants.

George Abbott, our subject's father, when he had attained his majority, by his work on the farm had saved enough money to buy his father's farm, and from the start exhibited the characteristic traits of a practical, progressive farmer. He continued buying land until he owned some 400 acres, which he kept in the best state of cultivation, and making a success of his farming until 1860, when he sold his property, which included a farm-house and two capacious barns. After disposing of his farm he purchased a farm of lesser extent, known to-day as the Willard farm, where he resided a few years, making many valuable improvements, among which was the rebuilding of the house and the erection of new barns. He then sold the Willard farm and bought the Phillip place on Cottage Street, and then became a partner of the firm of Hale, Edison & Abbott, proprietors of a general store, doing a large and profitable business. After two years Mr. Abbott bought out his partners and carried on the trade for a number of years alone, also including in his work a produce business, shipping potatoes and other agricultural products to Boston in car-load lots. His health having become impaired by close in-door work, he disposed of the store and returned to farm life, but later on became interested with his son, the subject of this sketch, in the drug business for a few years. The past ten years of his life have been spent in retirement from business. His wife was Esther Ann Parker, daughter of Evan Parker of Lyman, N. H.; she died at the age of thirty-five, leaving four children, as follows: William E., a farmer, whose home is in Kansas; George F., the subject of this sketch; Henry C., a farmer of Kansas; and Ella J., who died at the age of eighteen. Mr. Abbott married as his second wife Miss Emeline Applebee, daughter of Nathan Applebee of Littleton, and by her he had two more children: Belle E., who married H. D. Stevens; and Anna B., who died at the age of ten. Mr. Abbott was originally a Whig, but later in life transferred his political



allegiance to the Democratic party, and has filled the following offices of trust and responsibility: justice of the peace, selectman for twelve years, and representative in the State Legislature for the session of 1867-68. He is a member of the M. E. Church. He belongs to Burns Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter; St. Girard Commandery; he was a charter member of the latter organization and held many of the offices in it. He was also a member of the La Fayette Lodge, I. O. O. F., and was Past Grand of it, and of the Encampment.

Dr. George F. Abbott attended the schools of Littleton, and then entered the H. L. Tilton dry goods store as a clerk, remaining there in that capacity for eighteen months; for three years following he was clerk in F. Hodgman's drug store. He then launched out in business for himself, and, with his father, bought the drug store of P. Parker & Son, and conducted it with profitable returns for five years; at the end of that time his father sold his interest to Charles Colburn. Later our subject bought out his partner, and a few years later took in J. B. Coburn as a partner, and started a branch store in Bethlehem, being the first store of that description in that village. This arrangement continued unaltered for two years, when Dr. Abbott sold the Littleton store to W. F. Robbins & Co., and kept the Bethlehem establishment himself, continuing to run it until 1881, serving as Postmaster there from 1875 to 1880. Selling his business, he bought out the Lord Bros. drug store at Tilton, which he conducted with a fair measure of success for five years, and then entered the Medical Department of Dartmouth College, from which he graduated in 1890, and then took one course for the diploma of physician and surgeon at the Baltimore Medical Institute. He opened up his office at No. 5 Main Street, Littleton, N. H., and entered upon a general practice extending fifteen miles in each direction; he has made a specialty of diseases of the eye. In 1896, having made rapid progress in his profession, he took a post-graduate course at the "Post Graduate" of New York City in some of the branches of medicine in order to perfect the knowledge and skill in the healing art that he already possessed.

Dr. Abbott married Miss Carrie M. Parker, daughter of James and Betsey (Blakesley) Parker of Dalton, and later of Littleton; Mr.

Parker is now a retired tanner. Our subject has one child, Ruth, born Aug. 14, 1889. Dr. Abbott is a Republican and served as town treasurer of Bethlehem. He is a member of the Burns Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 66; Franklin Chapter; St. Girard Commandery. He is also a member of the Foresters and the Order of the Golden Cross, in both of which he is examining physician; also examining physician of the New York Mutual Life Insurance Co. He is a member of the M. E. Church.

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JOHN R. FOSS, a retired merchant of Campton Village, N. H., was born in the town of Campton, Grafton Co., N. H., Feb. 22, 1823. He is a son of John H. and Elizabeth (Chase) Foss, and grandson of Ebenezer and a Miss (Hoyt) Foss. Ebenezer Foss came from Concord, N. H., and settled on the Mad River, in the town of Thornton, Grafton Co.; he was one of the first-comers, and cleared and cultivated a farm of his own choosing. He and his wife lived to a hale old age. Their children were: Ebenezer, John H., Carter, Stephen, Milton, Ruth, Sally, Betsey, Jacob, and Langdon.

Our subject's father, John H. Foss, was born in Concord, N. H., and learned the blacksmith's trade; he worked at this trade in Thornton, and later in Campton. He also owned a pleasant home, and a small tract of land, which he cultivated in his leisure moments. He worked at his trade until about seventy years of age, and departed this life at the age of eighty-four. His wife was over the age of seventy at the time of her decease. Eleven children were born to them, namely: Greenleaf; Sarah, who was not permitted by an all-wise Providence to reach an age of maturity; Louisa; Judith; Ann; Sarah; Perry; Jacob; William; John R., the subject of this sketch; Wellington. Mr. Foss was a Democrat all through his life, and liberal in his religious views.

John R. Foss received a good education of its kind in the district schools of his native town, and worked with his father at the trade of a blacksmith twenty-five years until his health failed him, when he left the forge and sought lighter employment, and entered upon a mer-

cantile career, and carried on a large general store. In 1896 he sold his interest in the store to his son-in-law, Henry Fifield, and retired from active business. He was quite successful in trade and enjoyed the good-will of many patrons. He is respected by all for his strict integrity and methodical business habits. He has always been among the first in any project to aid in the developing of the town and increasing its prosperity. He has very acceptably filled the office of Postmaster for eight years. He has also served four years as selectman, and six years as town clerk. In all his public work he has viewed the interests of the town as he would his own private interests, and acted accordingly. Mr. Foss owns a fine residence, which he built in Campton.

Our subject married Nancy Richards; after her death he was married again to Mary Wilkins; she died in 1857, leaving one child, Emma, who married William J. Chase, and lives in Ashland, N. H. Mr. Foss's third wife was Laura Emerson, by whom he has three children: Lucia, born in 1859, married Henry Fifield; Edwin B. was drowned at the age of twenty-seven; Laura is the assistant postmistress of Campton Village.

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CHARLES A. HOLDEN, of the firm of M. Holden & Sons, camphor refiners of Rumney, N. H., and also one of the model farmers of the town, was born in North Groton, Nov. 28, 1840. He is a son of Milton and Jane (Fairbanks) Holden. Milton Holden was born in North Groton, July 11, 1804, and was descended from Richard Holden, who was born in England, and was the first representative of the family to settle in the New World. Richard's father was a resident of Suffolk Co., and very wealthy, owning thirteen brick houses at the time of his death. Richard, like other young men of his time, was obliged to learn a trade, and accordingly became a glazier. He determined to come to America and grow up with the new country. He came in 1634, and we find him among the Pilgrims at Ipswich, living later at Cambridge, Watertown, and Groton, dying in the latter place a landowner. He married Martha Fosdick. Their son Stephen, next in line of descent to our subject, was born in Groton, Mass., and married Hannah

Lawrence; he was engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. John Holden, next in line of descent, was born in Groton, Mass., and married Sarah Davis, settling in the town of Townsend, Mass.; like his father, he was also a farmer. Their son, David, was born in Townsend, Mass., and died in Hollis, Mass.; he married Sarah Hemingway. David Holden, Jr., our subject's grandfather, was born in Townsend, Mass., July 31, 1769; we find deeds recorded of his purchase of 100 acres of land in the town of Groton, Grafton Co., N. H. He settled in what was then styled the wilderness, and built a small log cabin; later he erected a more pretentious house and necessary farm buildings, cleared the land, and purchased additional acreage, at length owning over 150 acres. He also bought and sold several pieces of property. In his younger days he learned the cooper's trade, and was always more or less engaged in that pursuit. He was a progressive man in all the ideas that that term implies. He died about fifty years of age. His wife was Bridget Atwell, who was born May 24, 1770, and died about 1842. This union was blessed with fourteen children. The record is as follows: David, William C., Phineas H., Bridget, Josiah R., Myra A., David, Milton, Adams M., Sarah, Lucetta, Charles C. P., and Mary Ann.

Milton Holden, our subject's father, was born in Groton, N. H., July 11, 1804. As he was one of a large family, it was necessary that some of its members take up other occupations than that of farming; with this end in view he set out for Boston, where he worked one year at boating on the Middlesex Canal, from Boston to Lowell. He then went to work for Mr. Henshaw, who carried on a manufacture of saltpeter and glass, and refined the camphor gum. Mr. Holden devoted most of his attention to the camphor refining, and after thoroughly learning the process he took in his brother, Adams M. Holden, and taught him also. They then went into business in Boston, and a little later bought out all other parties there that were interested in the refining of camphor. In this way they rid themselves of competition, and did a large and successful business. About the year 1833, Milton Holden sold his interest to his brother and came to Groton, N. H., buying the old homestead and carrying on farming until 1844. In that year he returned to Boston to assist his brother as foreman, leav-



ing the farm in charge of a man he hired, to fill the wants of his wife and children. In 1851 the railroad was built to Rumney, and Adams M. Holden brought his stock to Rumney, where he could carry on his refining more profitably, for fuel was much cheaper. The two brothers again formed a partnership, built a plant east of Rumney Depot on the line of the railroad, and commenced operations, doing a small business at first. In 1862 our subject's uncle, Adam, died, and our subject's father carried on an exceptionally large business through the war, refining as high as 100 tons of camphor in a year. Milton Holden died in 1888. He was a very active, enterprising man, and eminently the architect of his own fortunes. He was never at a loss to determine the right course in his business; if an opportunity presented itself for the advancement of his fortunes, he was always prepared to grasp the situation and take what was offered. He was a self-made man and worthy of imitation; he was universally admired for his keen business perception. In politics he was a Republican, and filled several positions high in honor. He was selectman of the town of Groton, and represented that town in the Legislature. In Rumney he served three years as selectman. He owned a small home near the refinery. Since 1865 his two sons have been associated with him in business as partners, under the firm name of M. Holden & Sons; all the business since that time to this has been conducted under this name. He married Jane Fairbanks. She died at the age of thirty-eight. The union was blessed with nine children: Angenette, Frances, John M., William, Charles A., James, Lucy, Sarah A., and an infant.

Charles A. Holden was educated in Groton and Rumney, and assisted his father until he was nineteen years old, when he went to Natick, Mass., and worked at shoemaking until the war broke out. In 1861 he enlisted in Co. C., 32nd Reg. Mass. Vol. Inf., and was discharged in 1865. He was severely wounded in the left side when before Petersburg; he served in all the principal battles in which the Army of the Potomac participated. After the Rebellion was crushed to earth he returned to Natick, Mass., and followed his trade until November, 1865, when his father offered him an interest in the refining industry. He thereupon came home to Rumney, and has

since been one of the firm. They were doing a good business until the tariff cut down the profits and let in foreign competition. Our subject bought the Otis Blanchard farm of about forty acres, adjoining the plant, where he has enlarged and improved the plant. He inherited the homestead, and carried that on too, until he rented it lately. He has a fine mica mine that promises well, which he intends to work.

Charles A. Holden married Lucy, daughter of William and Mehitabel (Hills) Greenough of Rumney, N. H. Four children were born to them, of whom two are living. Following is the record: Carrie, died at the age of five and a half months; Willie, died when aged three years; Georgianna married B. B. Weeks, Jr., the station agent of Rumney. She is the mother of one child, Mabel Alline. Alline is at home with her parent.

Our subject is a staunch Republican, and has always been active in town affairs. He was a member of the board of selectmen for two years. He was tax collector two years; member of the school board two years; and moderator for several years. His religious views are those upheld by the Universalist Church. He is a member of the Olive Branch Lodge, F. & A. M., of Plymouth; Knights of Honor; G. A. R. Post, No. 75, of Rumney, and is Past Commander of the same, and has served in all the chairs. He was a delegate-at-large to the National G. A. R. Convention of 1894, at Pittsburg. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, No. 188, of Rumney, and served as its first Master.

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GUY E. GREELEY, a retired glove manufacturer of Rumney, N. H., was born at Lebanon, N. H., April 10, 1817, and is a son of Shubal and Lydia (Whitney) Greeley, and a grandson of Matthew and Abigail (Dow) Greeley. Matthew Greeley was born in Salisbury, of Scotch-Irish descent; he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, participating in the Battle of White Plains as a private. After the war he married and moved to Salisbury, N. H., where he bought a farm and resided there a few years engaged in the vocation of an agriculturist. He then sold out and purchased a saw-mill in Canaan, N. H., but later disposed of it and se-



cured a farm in Enfield, where he was living when he retired from active labor, and went to live with his son, in the State of New York. He soon became homesick and returned to his home in Enfield, N. H., where he lived till his death, which took place after he had passed the age of eighty years. His wife was also blessed with a rugged constitution, and lived to an advanced age. In religious belief they inclined toward the Congregational Church. The children born to them were: Shubal; Ephraim; an infant, unnamed; John; Matthew; Sally; Hannah; Achsah; and Lydia.

Our subject's father learned the carpenter's trade, and held to it during his active years as a means of livelihood. His lot was necessarily cast in different towns wherever there was a call for his services; he worked at boat-building for the Government during the War of 1812. His last days were spent on a farm in Rumney, now the residence of his son, Charles, departing this life at the age of eighty-six. His wife also died at the same age, and they were buried on the same day. They surrounded themselves with the following children: Ira, Guy, Charles, Peltiah, Nancy, Susanna, Lucia, Lydia, and Abigail.

Our subject was only seven years of age when his father settled in Rumney, and, therefore, received his education in the town of his present residence. At the age of eighteen he took up the trade of stone-cutting; but after one year's trial he took a dislike to it and went to Hanover to work in a hotel; he was engaged in the livery business for four years as a journeyman. He then began driving a stage from Hanover up through the mountain valleys, and continued at this occupation for twenty years, becoming a very expert driver. In 1857 he went to the State of Georgia and drove a team there until 1860, when he returned to Rumney and bought the old tannery of Shepard & Nichols, and under the firm name of Whitney & Greeley began the manufacture of Plymouth Buck Gloves. After three years he bought out his partner and ran the business alone for three years; he then entered into partnership again with Mr. Whitney, and the business was conducted under their combined capital and management until Mr. Whitney's death. Since then our subject was the sole proprietor, and remained so until his health failed him, in 1882, and forced his retire-

ment from business life. He has a fine home on Main Street on what is known as the Hadley place; Mr. Greeley had the former building removed, making of it a tenement house, and erected a new house in its stead.

Mr. Greeley married Lydia J., daughter of Dearborn Crawford, and granddaughter of Abel Crawford of White Mountains fame. He was bereaved of her presence in her twenty-ninth year; she was a victim of consumption. His second wife was Abi, daughter of Otis and Mercy (Piper) Whitney. Otis Whitney was born in Hope, Me., March 16, 1802, and is a son of Silas and Susan (Sargent) Whitney. Silas Whitney was born in Thornton, N. H., and removed to Maine, where he spent his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. Silas Whitney and wife both died between the ages of forty-five and fifty. Their children were: Otis, Sarah, Mary, Jacob S., Susan, Hopedill, and Hannah. Otis Whitney served seven years apprentice as a carpenter, and worked all his life as a carpenter and as a cabinet-maker, having a reputation of being a very skilled workman. He settled in Rumney, N. H., and built a large house, about the year 1846, where his daughter Sarah now lives. The house was built by his own labor; the lumber was all planed, doors and other articles of fine carpentry were all made by him. He died March 20, 1881; his wife was born March 7, 1794, and was called to fairer scenes Jan. 13, 1880. Following is the family record: Mary, born June 1, 1824; Maria, born Oct. 14, 1825; Abi, born June 24, 1827; Sophia, born July 29, 1829; and Sarah, born July 16, 1831.

Mr. Greeley's children by his last marriage are: Otis Warren and Mary Maria. Otis Warren was born Dec. 7, 1860, and is general baggage master in the Union depot at Boston, Mass. Mary Maria, born July 16, 1864, married Albert M. Spaulding, a camphor refiner of Rumney, N. H. Their union has been blessed with two children: Joseph, born March 17, 1892; and Guy, born July 16, 1894.

Mr. Greeley is one of the substantial men of Rumney, and has always aimed to advance its interests whenever an opportunity offered. Politically, he is an earnest advocate of the principles of the Republican party, but has been too busy to give time or attention to the holding of any office. Both he and his wife are Universalists.





HON. GEORGE W. MANN.



IRA CUMMINGS, a farmer of the town of Groton, N. H., was born in the same town, March 1, 1855, and is a son of Edward and Martha (Clark) Cummings, and a grandson of Ira and Betsey (Hardy) Cummings. Ira Cummings, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Groton, on the farm which Daniel Kidder now owns; he lived the calm and honorable life of a farmer. He died with the dropsy at the age of fifty-four. His wife was Betsey Hardy. The children born to them were: Ira, Mary, Emma, Charles, and Edward. In politics he supported Whig principles.

Edward Cummings was born in Groton, and inherited the homestead, and lived there until after his marriage to Martha, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Neal) Clark, when he removed to the home of his wife's parents, and took care of them in their last days. His father-in-law left him the homestead of 125 acres, which is finely located near the village of North Groton; there he made his home until his death. He built a new set of farm buildings, and was just fairly started in life, when he succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever, due principally to overwork, at the early age of twenty-eight. His wife died at the age of fifty-two of a stroke of paralysis. Two children made up the family: Ira, the subject of this sketch; and Mary, who died at the age of thirty years; she was the wife of Horatio Bryar. Mr. Cummings was a Republican in his political attachments.

Ira Cummings was educated in the public schools, and remained at home with his mother till he reached the age of twenty-two, when he went to Boston and worked three years at the ice business. In 1886 he returned to Groton and bought his mother's farm, and besides carrying on general farming operations, he worked at mica mining; he has superintended several mines. For a period of eight years he ran the stage and mail line from North Groton to Rumney. In 1892 our subject sold his farm to F. E. Belden of Boston, who has since organized a mining company, and is developing the mica industry; the mine is one of the best in the town, and is proving very profitable to its owners. Mr. Cummings carries on his farm in a systematic and intelligent manner; he is town librarian, and keeps the library in his home.

He married Effie A., daughter of Abel Bailey of Groton, and has six children: C. Edward, Perley A., Bertha M., Albert E., Cora M., and Theodora. Politically he is a strong Republican and takes a keen interest in the political affairs of the town.

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HON. GEO. W. MANN, a retired contractor and builder of Benton, N. H., was born Feb. 20, 1821, in the town of Landaff, Grafton Co., N. H. He is a son of Samuel Mann of Landaff. The great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch was of Scotch extraction, and came to this country when quite young, settling in Hartford, Conn. His son, Solomon Mann, was born in Hartford. His active days were spent in the pursuit of agriculture. He was a very prominent man in his community, respected and admired for his many excellent qualities. In politics, he was a Whig, but took no very active part.

Samuel Mann, our subject's father, was born in New Haven, Conn., Oct. 20, 1773, and received his education in the private schools of his native town, which were all the educational advantages afforded at that time.

When about sixteen years of age he removed to the town of Landaff, Grafton Co., N. H., where he worked on a farm for the small pittance of eight dollars a month. When about twenty-two years of age he purchased a farm, which he operated until 1835, when he sold out and came to the town of Benton, buying the farm now owned by his son, George W., the subject of this sketch. He married Mary, daughter of Peter and Phoebe (Noyce) Howe. They became the parents of eight children, of whom George W. is the only one now living. The deceased are: Amos, Moody, Jesse, Peter, Samuel, James, and Edward.

Hon. George W. Mann received his early education in the public schools of his native place. At the age of fourteen he moved with his parents to the town of Coventry (now Benton). He then completed his education in Newbury Seminary, located in the State of Vermont. Returning to his home, he engaged in farming for a short period; but having learned the carpenter's trade, he finally devoted his whole time and attention

to the latter occupation. He has been eminently successful at his calling; his work as a contractor and builder has taken him to every part of Grafton Co. In Woodsville there are some very valuable buildings that were erected under his supervision and management. He was very conscientious in his work; no one has ever had reason to complain of faulty work done by him. The best material that could be obtained, and the most skilled labor were used in all the buildings, whose erection he has superintended.

He is a Democrat, and very prominent in local and county politics. He has served his town in many different positions with skill and general good results. He has been collector of taxes, superintendent of the school committee, and a member of the highway commission. He has occupied the position of justice of the peace for fifty years, and is still the incumbent of that office; he is also a notary public for Grafton Co. He has been a member of the State Board of Agriculture. He was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1876. In county conventions Mr. Mann is invariably found as one of the most active delegates. He has represented the town in the Legislature for eight years.

On April 13, 1843, he was joined in the holy bond of matrimony to Susan M., daughter of William and Mary Whitcher of Benton. Five children resulted from this union: Ezra B., Edward F. (deceased), George H., Osman C. (deceased), and Orman F. (deceased). The mother died Oct. 6, 1854.

He was again united in marriage, March 4, 1855, the bride being Sarah T., daughter of Gad and Lilla Bisbee of Haverhill. By this second union Mr. Mann became the parent of five children: Melvin J., Hosea B., Susan M., Minnie J., and Moses B.

Ezra B. and Edward Mann have served as members of the State Legislature. Edward was in the Senate four years. He held the position of superintendent of the B. & M. R. R. at the time of his death. In religious belief George W. Mann and family are Universalists, and support the church of that denomination in Benton. The publishers of this Book of Biographies of Grafton Co. take pleasure in presenting Mr. Mann's portrait, and thus include him in the number of the county's most prominent and representative citizens.

WILLIE H. GOODELL, manufacturer of heavy wagons and sleighs at Pattenville, N. H., was born at Barnet, Vt., Jan. 13, 1862; he is a son of Marshall and Cynthia (Bruce) Goodell, and a grandson of Timothy Goodell.

Timothy Goodell was of English descent, and lived at Waterford, Vt., where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was accounted a man of considerable means; he died about middle age, leaving the following children: Austin, Madeline, Emily, Martina, and Marshall. Marshall Goodell was born in Waterford, Vt., and while still a boy went into the mills to work, learning the millwright's trade there. After a period spent in the Waterford mills, he went to Barnet, Vt., and purchased the lumber mills of that place, and also a farm, and carried on a very successful business until he was stricken down with dropsy of the heart. His wife bore him two children: Willie H., our subject; and Austin M., who died at the age of twenty-five. Mrs. Goodell was of Scotch parentage. She married as her second husband F. Boutwell, and became the mother of two more children: Frank and Chas. J.; she survived her husband, and is still living.

Our subject attended the public schools, and finished his education in McIndoes Academy; he started out in life for himself at the occupation of farming. After a while he bought the William Moffett farm, and worked it for three years, and then bought the J. Bowman farm, and conducted it for four years. His next business venture was in his present employment; he bought the J. Moffett house and the large shop of L. R. Bagley; new machinery of special design was introduced into the shop, and a fair beginning was made in the manufacture of heavy wagons and sleighs. The Concord wagon has received some of his best work, and some remarkably fine jobs have been turned out.

Mr. Goodell married Miss Lorena H. Carpenter, daughter of Charles and Philena (Hurlbutt) Carpenter, the former a prominent farmer of the town. Their union has been blessed with the following children: Effie L., born Oct. 6, 1889; Ernest and Edith E., twins, July 2, 1893; and Harry, July 8, 1895. Mr. Goodell is a Republican, and as such has held some of the minor offices of the town, serving as state justice of the peace for five years. In respect of his religious views, he is a Universalist.



IRA M. ABBOTT, proprietor of the largest general store in the town of Rumney, was born in that town March 21, 1859, and is a son of Joseph and Mary A. (Barnum) Abbott, and a grandson of Moses C. and Sarah (Bliss) Abbott. Moses C. Abbott's grandfather was Nathaniel Abbott, born about 1765. He came from Concord as one of the first settlers of this part of the county, and settled on what is known as Abbott Hill. He was of a strong and rugged constitution, and lived with his wife to a good old age; his occupation was farming. His children were: Catherine, Susan, Mary, Abigail, Joseph, and Chandler. His son Joseph was born on the Abbott Hill farm, and learned the trade of a blacksmith, removing late in life to Thetford, Vt., where he finished his years about middle age. His wife was called to her rest at the age of sixty-six. Their union resulted in the following children: Rhoda, Hazen, Harriet, Moses C., and Caroline.

Moses C. Abbott, our subject's grandfather, was born in Rumney, Oct. 19, 1804, and learned the trade of a blacksmith at his father's forge; he settled in Haverhill Corners, where he labored at his trade. He then bought land and built a shop and house at Oliverian Brook, and carried on his business there for three years. At last desiring a change he removed to the Summit, where he built a tavern and ran it for four years; it is now known as Little's Tavern. He then went back to his trade at the Brook for a short time, from there going into business at Warren; later he sold out to his son-in-law, Paul White, and located at Haverhill, where he sold again to his son-in-law, finally settling in Rumney, where he was engaged in conducting a general store; he died there Sept. 17, 1881; his wife died Jan. 2, 1876. In politics he was an ardent Whig and a Republican, but never cared to aspire to any office. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Haverhill. The following children were born to him: Caroline S., born June 19, 1827; Harriet, born Nov. 17, 1828; Joseph, born April 11, 1831; Daniel, born May 19, 1834; Hannah B., born May 28, 1837; Sylvester, born Sept. 20, 1838; and Thomas H., born June 9, 1841.

Joseph Abbott, father of our subject, was born on the date above mentioned, in the town of Haverhill, and obtained a good, practical educa-

tion in the Haverhill schools. He then assisted his father in the store until 1852, when he went to the gold fields of California, and worked successfully for two years at mining. He then came home and was associated with his brother, Daniel, in the manufacture of rakes for a short time. In company with Daniel French, under the firm name of Abbott & French, he entered into mercantile trade in the building where Dr. Sprague's office is now located. A few years later they dissolved partnership, and Mr. Abbott bought the old Abbott blacksmith shop and altered it into a store, carrying a stock of general merchandise. From time to time he has enlarged his store from a single room to one of the largest stores in this section of the county. His business was large and well-established; he carried a stock of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, drugs, hardware and crockery, paints, oils, etc. The stock was not only large and well-selected, but was also tastefully arranged. In 1888 he took in his son, the subject of this sketch, as a full partner, and a year later sold his interest in the store to his son-in-law, C. A. Chase, and retired from active business life. In 1891 he moved to Franklin, Mass., but soon longing for his old home, with its many old acquaintances and friends, he returned in 1896. Mr. Abbott occupies an enviable position in the esteem and respect of the community; his business life was characterized by the most upright dealing. He is a man of marked ability, and seemed destined from the first to make his mark in life. His first wife, our subject's mother, died at about the age of twenty-five. She left two children: Ida M. married C. A. Chase, deceased; Ira M. is our subject. Mr. Abbott was joined in marriage again to Miss Sarah M. Clark, and was presented with two children: Lee C., a teacher; and Julia A., who married W. C. Byrant of New York.

Ira M. Abbott was educated in the public schools of Rumney, and at the age of fifteen he began clerking in his father's store; at seventeen he left school and became head clerk. In 1888 he became partner, and as his brother-in-law, Mr. Chase, to whom his father had sold his one-half interest in the store, did not live but only six months after his entry into the firm, our subject has conducted the business alone ever since as sole proprietor. He holds the respect and



confidence of his large patronage, as did his father by taking pride in not only having a well-stocked store, but also by being always ready to meet the calls of the people by a stock of up-to-date goods. He married Achsah O. Smart, daughter of C. C. Smart, of Rumney Depot. His wife has presented him with the following children: Julia S., born Oct. 14, 1887; Mary Belle, born Dec. 19, 1889; and Achsah Blanch, born Sept. 19, 1896. Mr. Abbott is a Democrat, and has served as Postmaster three years. He has been town treasurer, and has also been honored with other offices of trust and responsibility. He is treasurer of the town library. Religiously he is a faithful member of the Baptist Church.

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GEORGE C. CRAIG, Postmaster and a merchant of Rumney Depot, N. H., was born Aug. 18, 1865. He is a son of Byron M. and Lydia A. (Ramsey) Craig, grandson of Tappan W. and Harriet (Piper) Craig, and a great-grandson of David and Elizabeth Craig. David Craig was a farmer, and, to the best of our knowledge, was born in the town of Warren, where he passed his life. He was a large powerful man, with strong constitution, and lived to be over eighty years old. His wife almost became a centenarian, dying at the extraordinary age of ninety-nine years and seven months. She was strong and active, and in possession of all her faculties up to the last. Their children were: Anna, Stephen, David, Purcis, and Tappan W.

Tappan W. Craig was born in Warren, and when he arrived at manhood's estate was a large strong man; being an expert in the use of the ax, he would go into the woods alone, cut down large pine trees, saw them up, split them, and fashion out of them shingles. The shingles were of superior quality, and always found a ready sale. Later in life he came to Rumney and took charge of the Quincy farm, managing it with skill and judgment for a period of twenty years. Afterwards he bought a small farm, where he died at the age of eighty-two; his wife left mortal scenes and labors at the age of sixty-three. They were both members of the Baptist Church. His first wife was Sally Piper; she died at an early age, leaving two children: Betsey and

Mary. His second wife, Harriet Piper, a sister of his first wife, bore him the following children: Rufus, David, Samuel, Emiline, Daniel, Harriet, Bryon M., father of our subject; Caroline; Simeon; and Abbie. Tappan W. Craig was a Democrat in politics.

Byron M. Craig was born in Rumney, May 19, 1833, and was educated in the old Brick School-House. At the age of twenty-one years he went to Dedham, Mass., where he secured a position at driving a team in the transportation of furniture from Dedham to Boston; he kept at this work for three years, when he gave it up and returned home, and with his earnings that he had saved he bought a farm, now known as the Perkins place. After two years he sold it, so as to be able to take care of his wife's parents, James and Lydia Ramsey. After their death he was given the Merrill homestead for his faithful and almost filial services. The Merrill homestead is a valley farm with a large portion of it interval on the bank of the Baker River. The house was at once enlarged and remodeled, and the land improved in various ways. He is a resident on this property at the present time, and it suffices to say that there is no more model farmer than he in that neighborhood; he is one of the highly respected and well-thought-of citizens of the town. He married Lydia A., daughter of James and Lydia (Merrill) Ramsey, who were among the early settlers of the town. This worthy couple had four children: Nellie G., died at the age of fourteen; Mary C., born Feb. 26, 1862, married Luther E. Pierce of Plymouth; George C. is the subject of this sketch; Lizzie A., died at the age of twenty-two, in 1890, was a teacher in the public schools for a number of years. She is sadly missed in the home circle. Our subject's father has always been a staunch Democrat; he served three years in the town as selectman, and also as overseer of the poor. He is an active member of the Baptist denomination, in which he is deacon.

George C. Craig is one of the distinctively self-made men of the town of Rumney, as he only had the advantage of a public school education, and his only start in life was a pair of oxen his father allowed him to raise and break. After he had trained them he sold the oxen for \$80.00; this sum of money has served as a nucleus around which to gather a comfortable fortune, which has

placed him among the leading business men of the county. After he reached the age of twenty-one he found employment on the carpentry work of railroad bridges. The savings of three seasons of this work he added to his former savings, and purchased a horse power, and followed threshing and sawing wood for two years, selling out at the end of that time, and, in company with Ralph E. Olney, opened a meat and provision store at Rumney. After six months he bought out his partner and conducted the business successfully for two years alone. He then accepted an offer made him, and bought out E. A. Sawyer, owner of the old and well-known Quincy & Ward store, at Rumney Depot. He closed the sale Jan. 15, 1892, and commenced business with a small stock of goods to run a country store of a general nature. He gradually built up the business, until to-day he is second to none in this section of the county. He has a select stock of every sort of merchandise to be found in a country store. Some of the leading lines which he handles are as follows: groceries, dry goods, crockery, hardware, ready-made clothing, patent medicines, paints, oils, etc.; feed and flour—in short everything that can be kept in a general country store is kept by our subject.

In 1894 he was appointed Postmaster by the Democratic administration. Mr. Craig owns a small piece of meadow land and a building lot at Rumney Depot; also a 150-acre farm in the town of Groton. He is a strict business man in every sense; his probity and business capacity go unquestioned; he is always ready to assist a neighbor in trouble. He occupies an enviable position in the esteem of his fellow-citizens as an upright, conscientious business man. He married Carrie E. Abbott, daughter of Daniel and Carrie M. (Phillips) Abbott. Daniel Abbott was a son of Moses C. and Sarah Bliss Abbott, and was born in the town of Rumney in 1834. After several years employment in the cotton mills of Lowell, Mass., and Bedford, Me., he returned and bought a mill and water power at Rumney and entered upon the manufacture of wooden rakes. After three years he turned his attention to truss pads. He built a new shop, built a new dam, and began to enlarge his business by adding the manufacture of crutches. His crutches grew in popularity, the truss pads were dropped,

and the whole business was centered in the production of crutches in wholesale lots, and in special orders, from maple-wood, lance-wood, and from rose-wood, in styles ranging from the plainest to the ones with patent spring tops, rubber bottoms, and nickel trimmings. The business having grown to such an extent, he took in partnership his two sons, Charles W. and George Bert, who after his death in 1891, of cancerous tumor of the stomach, continued the business under the firm name of D. Abbott & Sons. The business was finally bought by George Bert Abbott, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. The articles made by this firm brought them a national reputation. Daniel Abbott was a Republican, and served as supervisor of the town for several years. He was a Methodist in politics. His wife was Carrie M. Phillips. She still survives her husband, and is the mother of four children. Charles W. and George Bert are manufacturer of crutches, and residents of Rumney. Carrie E. is the wife of our subject. Elizabeth A. is a teacher.

Mr. Craig has been presented with one child, Lizzie May, born Aug. 16, 1893. Mr. Craig is a Democrat, and has served as town clerk. He is a Baptist in his religious views.

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ELI D. SAWYER, proprietor of the Mountain Home House of Littleton, N. H., was born in the town of Bethlehem, Grafton Co., N. H., June 4, 1815; he is a son of William and Dolly (Burt) Sawyer.

William Sawyer was born in Roxbury, Mass., and learned the cooper's trade; when a young man he moved to Bethlehem, purchased a farm, and carried on his trade in connection with farming; the farm was originally timber land, and Mr. Sawyer was forced to clear it before he could prepare it for crops. In his later years he moved to Littleton, and died there at the age of eighty-seven; his wife was sixty-three years old at the time of her death. Mr. Sawyer was a Federalist in politics, and then a Republican. He was liberal in his religious views. His wife bore him eight children, who were as follows: William H., Dolly, Sarah, Eliza, Eli D., Alpheus, Mary C., and Lydia Ann.



The subject of this sketch attended the public schools when a boy, and at the age of twenty bought the homestead of 140 acres, and made many valuable improvements thereon. Later on he came to Littleton and bought a home on South Street, where he resided five years; the next five years were spent on a farm in the north part of the town, where he carried on general farming; after a series of changes in the arrangement of the buildings and other alterations he sold it; it is now owned by Mr. George. His next residence was on the Bowman estate of forty acres, situated at the west end of the village of Littleton; that place is still his home, although it has not much of the same appearance it had when he bought it. Mr. Sawyer remodeled the house and enlarged it to two and one-half stories with large, wide verandas on three sides. In 1878 he commenced to take city boarders, and with a capacity for the accommodation of twenty-five boarders has had all he could desire since. The immediate surroundings of the home, with its green lawns and splendid maple trees has been beautified in many ways so as to present a very attractive appearance. The view from the house includes many of the prominent mountains of the White Mountain range, and the valley of the Ammonoosuc River; this beautiful home is highly appreciated by those who are fortunate to be included among the number of Mr. Sawyer's guests.

Mr. Sawyer married Miss Sarah O. Pierce, daughter of John Pierce of Bethlehem. She has not only been a kind and loving wife and mother, but has lavished a generous hospitality upon her boarders, that makes them feel thoroughly at home and united in praising her many excellent qualities. Six children have been born to them, namely: Elmer G., who died when an infant, aged eleven months; John P., who lives in the State of Texas; Frank, who died at the age of five months; Hattie G. married F. Tilton, and upon his death married Mr. Lindsley of Spokane, Wash.; Charles M. C. is an attorney and also interested in insurance in Alabama; William H. is a lawyer of Concord, N. H. Mr. Sawyer has always been active in his support of the Democratic party, and served as selectman of the towns of Bethlehem and Littleton. In his religious views he is liberal.

ALFRED STANLEY, one of the proprietors of the Pulp Manufactory at Livermore Falls, N. H., was born at Barnet, Vt., Jan. 2, 1857, and is a son of Lyman and Laura (Way) Stanley, and a grandson of John and Lois (Currier) Stanley.

John Stanley was born in Lyme, Conn., and when a young man came to the town of Lyman, Grafton Co., N. H., where he bought a large farm. He was a surveyor by occupation, and laid out many of the town lines in the northern part of Grafton Co. His farm was largely covered with timber; he cleared it and put it under cultivation. He held many of the town offices, and enjoyed the good-will of nearly everyone in that part of the county. He died when about seventy-eight years old. His wife was called to her rest at the age of seventy. Their children were: Lois, John, Lyman, James, Henry, Lavina, and Nancy.

Lyman Stanley, father of our subject, when a young man became the foreman of the water works for bringing water from Brookline, Mass., to Boston. He then ran a hotel at Barnet, Vt., until his health failed and he went to California in 1855. There he rapidly regained his health under the different climate and surroundings, and went to work in the mines, working claims. He did fairly well and returned to Vermont to manage a grain business and grist-mill at Barnet, Vt. He remained in the grist-mill six years, and then bought a farm in the same town, and retired from active business. He is eighty-two years of age, while his wife is seventy-five years old; both hale and hearty. They celebrated their golden wedding, Nov. 24, 1892, when their children, grandchildren, and friends, of whom there were several who attended the wedding fifty years previous, were there to congratulate them and remember them with many valuable and useful presents. Our subject's mother was the daughter of Amos and Sally Way of Lyman, N. H. They gathered about them the following family: John and James, twins, died at an early age; Edgar L.; Jennie; Charles; Alfred; Albert, who did not reach maturity; Herbert; Laura, who died in infancy. Lyman Stanley is a loyal Republican, and is a member of the Congregational Church.

Alfred Stanley attended the St. Johnsbury Academy, where he graduated in 1878. He en-







DAVID BARTLETT PULSIFER.

gaged in the manufacture of wood pulp at Barnet, Vt., in 1885, and remained there in that business for four years. He then sold his interest and became superintendent of the Fiber-wood Co. at Livermore Falls, continuing in that capacity until the mill burned in 1894. Thereupon, in partnership with James N. McCoy, he leased the water power, rebuilt the mill, and put in new and improved machinery. This mill they have continued to operate, employing twelve men; the work is the manufacture of first-class pulp for paper makers, principally of spruce. They have one of the best water powers on the river or in Northern New Hampshire.

Mr. Stanley married Mary R., daughter of Rev. Joseph Boardman of Barnet, Vt., and has five children: Robert R., born March 3, 1889; Herbert W., born Dec. 11, 1890; Agnes, born Sept. 27, 1892; Richard B., born May 5, 1894; Mary, born Dec. 28, 1895. Mr. Stanley is a Republican. Socially he is a member of the Passumpsic Lodge, F. & A. M., of St. Johnsbury, Vt.

DAVID BARTLETT PULSIFER of the town of Campton, Grafton Co., N. H., is the son of Moses and Mary (Bartlett) Pulsifer, grandson of Joseph and Mary (Brown) Pulsifer, and great-grandson of Joseph and Sarah (Lovell) Pulsifer. Joseph Pulsifer, Sr., was born in Ipswich, Mass., in 1705, and was married to Sarah Lovell, in 1744. Their children settled in Connecticut, New York, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Joseph Pulsifer, Jr., was born in Ipswich, 1745, and learned the cabinet-maker's trade and worked at it until the times became hard and the people about Ipswich were pretty well supplied. The demand for such articles as he made was not so strong in those days as it is now; we are living in an age when every family has an opportunity of furnishing the house with good furniture. But it was not so in those days, and accordingly Joseph Pulsifer longed for a farm he could call his own and a place where he could turn his trade to some practical use. With this object in view he set out with his wife, on horseback, for the new lands, which could then be

found as near as New Hampshire. They settled in Campton, N. H., still the home of their descendants. The river farms being pretty well taken when he came, he took up a farm near the center of the town, where he lived a few years, but finding the soil sandy and not strong enough to raise heavy crops, he, in company with Chiliub Brainard, started out to look for a better location. Climbing tall trees to survey the country they finally decided upon the hill, where David B. and Thomas S. Pulsifer now live, as the best spot to be found. Brainard cleared the farm where our subject now lives, and Joseph Pulsifer cleared the one owned by Thomas S. Pulsifer. Joseph built himself a small frame house, and the nails being exceedingly scarce, and very expensive, he fastened the boards and even the shingles with wooden pegs. Besides clearing the land of the heavy timber, he supplied the neighbors with furniture. There being no sawmills he would cut down large, straight-grained maples, split them up into boards and with the assistance of an adz and plane, prepare them for desks, tables, stands, etc. With the help of his sons, who were large strong men, the shortest being five feet eleven inches in height, he cleared the 100 acres, which has since proved to be one of the best farms in town. Joseph Pulsifer died in 1832, and his wife in 1830. Their children were: Mary, married Darius Willey; Joseph, married Abigail Willey; Sally, married Joshua Fletcher; Annie, married Samuel Elliott; Hannah, married Tristram Bartlett; John, married Polly Palmer; Moses, married Mary Bartlett; Elizabeth, married Jacob Gidding; Charles, married Nancy Webster; Ruth, married James Burbeck.

Moses Pulsifer was born in the town of Campton, N. H., in 1784, and married Mary, daughter of Deacon David Bartlett, a resident of Newburyport, Mass. Moses bought the C. Brainard lot of 100 acres, where he built his house and proceeded to improve the land. A short time later he bought 100 acres more, which included Mt. Prospect, with its elevation of 2,963 feet above sea level, which has become one of the most noted peaks in this section of the State. A wagon road has since been laid out to the top, many hundred people ascend each year, as it overlooks the surrounding mountains; valleys, with their rivers, Squam Lake, Winnipiseogee,



with its many summer resorts. Near the peak of the mountain are two cold springs, and the noted Miser's Cave. He built the house and barns now owned by our subject about the year 1817. In his political affiliations, he was a Whig, and later a Republican; he held some of the minor offices of the town. Both he and his wife were active members of the Congregational Church. Moses Pulsifer departed this life at the age of seventy-one; his wife rounded out eighty-two years before she was called to join her friends and loved ones gathered on the golden shore. Their children were as follows: Mary Ann, Louise, Rebecca, who died Nov. 5, 1848, aged thirty-two years; Hannah; Joanna; David B.; Catherine B., died at the age of three years; and Sarah L.

David Bartlett Pulsifer, the subject of this notice, attended the district and high schools of his native town, and being the only son, he remained at home with his parents and cared for them in their last days. He has since carried on general farming on the old homestead under methods which are worthy of imitation. His motto has been to do well whatever he did, and thereby has succeeded through life. He bought the Huckins farm adjoining, and with the assistance of his son, J. Warren, he built a fine set of buildings and then presented farm and buildings to his son, who has since proved himself a model young farmer. J. Warren Pulsifer has taken a few summer boarders, for the scenery is very beautiful from his place, but he has mainly confined himself to general farming operations. Our subject has bought other pieces of outlying land, making altogether a farm of over 300 acres. He has also remodeled the buildings and made a great many improvements on the land that add to its value and appearance. He keeps a choice dairy and sheep, in which stock his second son, George Edwin, is a partner. The highest of his ambitions is to teach his two sons to succeed, and show them by their father's success that what man has done man can do.

Mr. Pulsifer married Isabella W., daughter of Reuben and Sally (Johnson) Draper. She was born in Plymouth, May 6, 1825, and has proved herself a faithful wife and a loving mother. Three children were born to them: Flora L., Joseph Warren, George Edwin. Flora L. was born Oct. 18, 1859, and married Henry C.

Smith, a farmer of the town of Holderness. They have two children: Ralph W. and Edith I. Joseph Warren was born Oct. 13, 1861, and married Marietta Merrill of Rumney. George Edwin was born March 21, 1864, and married Lizzie G. Pulsifer. Our subject is a Republican, and has held office as selectman for five years, and other minor offices as well; in 1896 he was elected to represent his town in the State Legislature. The family are active members of the Congregational Church.

As a leading farmer of Grafton Co. and worthy citizen, it affords us much pleasure in being able to present to the readers of this book the portrait of Mr. Pulsifer, which is shown in connection with this personal history on another page.

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WILLIAM KENNEY, a prominent member of the farming community of Littleton, N. H., was born on the place that is still his home, Dec. 20, 1867; and is a son of John and Katherine (Dooley) Kenney, and a grandson of James and Ellen (Donohue) Kenney. James Kenney was a farmer, and lived in Ireland. Our subject's father was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and learned the trade of a carpenter as his means of support; he came to New York when a young man and worked on the railroad at his trade, being at one time boss on building the railroad from Nashua to Wells River, and to St. Johnsbury, Vt. His wife, Katherine Dooley, was born in the same county, and came to Boston, Mass., when a young woman; she was a daughter of John Dooley. Our subject's father and this young lady, although from the same county, had never met before coming to this country, one of the strange pranks of fortune bringing them together. Having been married and having accumulated enough means to purchase a farm, they bought the I. Goodall farm of 200 acres in the town of Littleton, and settled down to a comfortable rural existence. Mr. Kenney was not satisfied until he had made his farm one of the best in his part of the town by many needed improvements. In 1868 he built himself a nice house and barns; his interests in live stock is extensive, owning twenty head of cattle and a flock of fifty sheep. He died Jan. 28, 1891. His

wife still resides on the homestead with the subject of this sketch. Their children were: James, born Oct. 20, 1851, an engineer at Newport, Vt. He married Mary A. Londergon, and has one child, Charlie. The next child was Michael, born July 20, 1853, who is a plumber by trade and lives in Minneapolis, Minn.; he married Mary Stack. Ellen, born July 6, 1855, is living at home. Katherine, born March 9, 1857, married James Callahan, and has borne him five children: Mary, Katie, Annie, Daniel J., and John H. John, born May 12, 1858, is in the lumber business at Mt. Sunapee, N. H. Edward, born Oct. 9, 1859, married Lula White, and runs a restaurant. William, the next child, is the subject of this short biography. Henry, born Jan. 9, 1869, married Lizzie Holland, and is clerking in Boston. Mary died young. Our subject's parents have always been devout members of the Catholic Church.

William Kenney attended the public schools for his education, and has always remained at home on the farm, and at the death of his father succeeded to its full management. He has proved himself a model, young farmer, thanks to the excellent instruction accorded him by his late father; the farm has steadily increased in value and utility, and is a source of considerable income to Mr. Kenney. It is located at Mann's Hill. Mr. Kenney is a Democrat in his political attachments.

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ARTHUR W. EMERSON, editor of the Republic-Journal of Littleton, N. H., was born in Sunapee Harbor, N. H., Jan. 28, 1860, and is a son of Joseph and Cecelia (Simpkins) Emerson.

Our subject's father was born in Methuen, Mass., in 1819, and was left an orphan when a very young lad. He learned cabinet-making as his trade, and having very little opportunity of obtaining a fair education, he devoted the spare moments and chances that he could obtain to making up for what he had lost in his youth. He was a great lover of books, and very early in life fixed his ambition on being a minister. He finally became a circuit-rider, and later on entered the Methodist Conference of New Hamp-

shire, and was appointed pastor of the M. E. Church at Penacook, then called Fisherville, where he was located until the outbreak of the late Rebellion. Feeling that he could do more by his example and service in upholding the Union, he enlisted in the 7th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., and served as chaplain and postmaster of the regiment; he was captured at Newmarket Heights, Va., Sept. 29, 1863, and was exchanged and returned to his regiment Jan. 14, 1864, broken down in health through his confinement in the terrible Confederate prisons. After the close of the war, he settled in Fernandina, Fla., and was presiding elder of East Florida; while crossing the St. Johns River in a small boat the craft capsized, and he was drowned in 1875. His wife died in Jacksonville, in 1888. Five children were born to them, as follows: two children, who died when infants; Hattie E., who is superintendent of the Boylan Industrial Home for Colored Girls; Francena, who married D. B. Plumer of Lakewood, N. J., now and for many years a successful manager of resort hotels; and Arthur W., the subject of this sketch.

Our subject at the age of fourteen years entered a local printing office in Fernandina, Fla., and there served his apprenticeship as a printer, but being desirous of an education, he left the printing office, and with his sisters came to New Hampshire. He worked at farming and in an iron foundry to earn the necessary money for a good education. He then entered the Manchester Union office of Manchester, N. H., where he worked for three years, after that putting in one year in the Mirror office of the same city, and also working in the printing offices of Concord. For three summers he had charge of the Pigeon Cove Hotel at Pigeon Cove, Mass. In 1887 he was the editor and manager of the Times and Journal at Lakewood, N. J., but returned to Pittsfield, in his native State, as one of the proprietors of the Suncook Valley Times. He sold out his interest there about one year later, and for about five years following he was editor and part proprietor of the Bellows Falls Times at Bellows Falls, Vt.

In 1894 Mr. Emerson came to Littleton as manager for the Plumer Publishing Co., and has since been editor of the Republic-Journal, a paper established by Chester Carey and H. H. Metcalf about 1865; to-day it has a circulation



of 2,700 copies per week, the largest circulation of any paper in the State north of Concord. Mr. Emerson is a man of splendid executive ability, and most versatile in the use of the pen; he thoroughly understands all branches of the publishing business, from the duties of compositor to those of the editor. He is firmly established in the good-will of the many patrons of the paper, and is much respected by all who have the pleasure of knowing him.

He married Miss Mabel Cross Day, daughter of William F. Day of Bradford, Mass., a retired shoe manufacturer, and they have four children, who are named Paul A., Cecelia D., Dorothy, and Kenneth W. J. Mr. Emerson and family make their home in a fine residence on High Street.

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DR. VALENTINE MANAHAN, a retired eminent physician and surgeon of Enfield, N. H., was born in Sutton, N. H., Nov. 17, 1825, and is a son of John and Lucintha (Filch) Manahan, and grandson of Adam and Ruth (Gutterson) Manahan.

Our subject's grandfather was born in the north part of Ireland, and like most natives of that part of the Emerald Isle was of Scotch descent. As early as 1789 we find a record of him at Methuen, Mass., subsequent to which time, and following his marriage, he settled in Deering, N. H., where he died at the age of seventy-four. His first wife, Dr. Manahan's grandmother, was a descendant from one of the early families, being a daughter of William Gutterson, and granddaughter of Deacon William Gutterson. She died in the prime of her young womanhood, and left four children: John, Richard, William, and Joseph. By a second union, Adam Manahan became the parent of six children, as follows: Stephen, Valentine, Samuel T., Ruth, Polly, and Elvira.

When a young man, John Manahan settled in Sutton, N. H., where he followed the occupation of farming until 1826, in which year he moved to New London; he was born May 1, 1792, in Methuen, Mass., and died in New London at the age of seventy. He was a Whig politically, and stood the draft of the War of 1812. His wife,

Lucintha, a daughter of Benjamin Filch, was born in 1800, and at the age of eighty-two obeyed the invisible summons to lay down life's weary burden and come to Him who giveth eternal life. There were born to our subject's parents the following eight children: Emily, Lucinda, Mary, Valentine, Abby A., Newton, Frances A., and William H.

Dr. Manahan's private school education was supplemented by an attendance at New London and Pembroke Academies, after which, in 1846, he became a student of medicine under the direction of Dr. H. C. Bickford of New London, later on studying in the offices of Dr. Thomas Chadbourne and Dr. E. G. Moore of Concord, N. H., and then took a course of lectures at Dartmouth College. He then continued his medical course under Prof. E. E. Phelps of Windsor, Vt., one year. He received his degrees and diploma as a physician from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Penn., which he attended, and from which he graduated March 9, 1850. For a short time he practiced in Antrim, N. H., and then moved to Springfield, N. H., where he followed his profession from 1851 to 1866, removing from the latter place in 1866 to Enfield, where he succeeded Dr. Currie. For twenty-two years he faithfully and successfully performed the duties of his calling and established a reputation second to none in his vicinity, enjoying a wide-spread and lucrative practice, enabling him to retire, in 1888, from medical practice, relinquishing at that time his office to Dr. J. A. Leet, and since giving his attention only to such critical cases that his patrons are unwilling to trust to less-experienced hands. Few men have proved themselves better adapted to the avocation of their choice; ever ready with a cordial greeting, a kind word, and a pleasant smile, his cheerful presence in the sick-room has been a tonic in itself, and to all classes, whether poor or rich, high or low, his services have been uniformly extended. Dr. Manahan is a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society, and of the American Medical Society. Socially he is a member of the Social Lodge, F. & A. M., of Enfield; and St. Andrews Chapter, R. A. M., of Lebanon. He was a member of the board of education of Springfield, N. H., from 1852 to 1856, and has been state justice of the peace since 1852. He has traveled extensively in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.



Dr. Manahan was joined in marriage, Oct. 21, 1852, to Miss Abby E. Porter, daughter of Hon. Reuben Porter of Sutton, N. H., and later of Warner, N. H. Mrs. Manahan died Jan. 5, 1856, leaving no issue. As Dr. Manahan has never been blessed with children of his own, being of a free and liberal disposition, he took great interest in rearing and educating a niece and nephew, and now has a young lady attending Radcliff College.

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HON. WYMAN PATTEE. The gentleman, whose name heads this sketch, stands among the first business men of the county, and of the town of Enfield, where he makes his home. Of late years he has withdrawn himself from many former fields of activity and usefulness, and is leading a retired life for the most part, although a director and stockholder in the Enfield Mills Co. still. He was born in the town of Canaan, N. H., Aug. 28, 1826; he is a son of James and Rebecca (Currier) Pattee, grandson of Daniel and Judith (Barnard) Pattee, and a great-grandson of Capt. Asa Pattee. Capt. Asa Pattee died in 1825, aged ninety-one years. He was a volunteer in the Revolutionary War, and a captain of State militia. His name is included among those of the pioneers of Canaan, settling on the south roads at an early date. He secured some 200 acres of land by purchase.

His son, Col. Daniel Pattee, inherited the homestead, and became one of the leading and representative farmers of that town, occupying a prominent place in the official records of his time, serving as selectman, and in many minor offices of the town. He was born March 8, 1764, and died March 2, 1850; his wife's birth is given as May 17, 1766, and her death Oct. 23, 1820. Their children were as follows: Judith, born Jan. 24, 1787; Betsey, Nov. 5, 1788; Dorothy, Sept. 10, 1777; Marian, April 21, 1793; Mehitable, Feb. 10, 1795; Sylvester B., Nov. 19, 1797; Daniel, Jr., Jan. 12, 1799; James, Jan. 25, 1802; Moses D., Feb. 6, 1804; John, April 8, 1806; Hannah D., Feb. 27, 1808; and Lewis M., Jan. 25, 1814. Col. Daniel married again after the decease of his first wife, the bride being Dorcas Floyd, who was born March 21, 1785, and died

June 18, 1868; this union resulted in one child, Jessie, who was born Feb. 10, 1823.

James Pattee, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Canaan, and inherited the homestead, having cared for his parents in their last days. In the State militia he held a commission as colonel. About the year 1868 he retired from active farm labor, and removed to Enfield and bought the residence where his daughter now lives; his most pleasant employment was in watching the progress of his sons, who followed the example of thrift and industry he set for them. He served as selectman in his native town, and was for many years an acknowledged leader. His death occurred Sept. 28, 1872. His first wife was Rebecca, daughter of Nathan Currier; she was born April 6, 1803, and departed this life for the one promised to Christians, March 12, 1841. The following children were born of this union: Wyman, our subject; George W., born May 9, 1829; James F., June 19, 1831; Ann R., Feb. 25, 1835; Burns W., Jan. 16, 1837; and Angelina, Sept. 26, 1840. Mr. Pattee married as his second wife Rosamond H. Jones, who was born March 10, 1812, and died February, 1896. Two children were the issue of this second union: Ella M., Nov. 20, 1846; and George W., Feb. 8, 1850. Of all this family, the only ones living to-day are Wyman, Ann R., and Ella M.

For an education our subject attended the district school, and Canaan Union Academy, from which latter institution he graduated in 1841. He then went to Cambridge, Mass., and worked in a bakery for two years and a half, returning to Canaan, where, with Mr. Perley, under the firm name of Pattee & Perley, he carried on a general store, and conducted a lumber business; they owned their own mills, and bought the timber land, cleared it, and marketed the product. After ten years at this business in Canaan he sold out and removed to Ottawa, Canada, with his partner in 1850 and carried on a large lumber business, supplying the trade from their large saw-mills. Three years marked the length of his stay in Ottawa, Canada; he then came to Enfield, and was elected Sheriff of Grafton Co., and served in that capacity about four years; during this time he was appointed to settle the estate of Caleb Dyer, and it consumed so large an amount of time—in fact his whole time—that he resigned

from the position of Sheriff. About the same time he leased the Shaker Mill, and from then until Nov. 15, 1894, he was an extensive manufacturer, dealer, and shipper of flour, grain, and feed; on the above date the mills were sold, and our subject retired to enjoy the fruits of his years of toil. But he was not permitted to lead a life of inactivity, for in 1895 the Enfield Mill Co. was incorporated, and our subject, as one of its large stockholders, is interested in the manufacture of yarns, which go to meet the demands of the Baltic Mills and others of the same character. The new mill is 112 feet long by 60 feet broad, and is carried up three stories, and will employ fifty hands. It is built on the site of the old bedstead factory, which was formerly owned and conducted by the community of Shakers. Our subject's business experience and financial ability have caused him to be sought by various corporations to fill important offices in their service. For thirty years he served as auditor of the Northern R. R., and is a director of the Peterboro & Hillsboro R. R. During the life of the Mascoma Fire Insurance Co., he was one of its directors. Upon the organization of the National Bank of White River Junction, Vt., Feb. 6, 1886, he was elected a director, and has since filled that position.

Mr. Pattee purchased the house formerly known as Dr. Currier's residence, and has made of it a handsome structure, both within and without, renovating it throughout and altering and remodeling it wherever his good judgment dictated it would be best, so that now it is essentially a modern house, and is fitted with the latest appliances for comfort and convenience. Mr. Pattee is a strong Republican, and in 1860 was appointed by the Governor and Council to the office of Sheriff of Grafton Co. In 1875 and 1876 he represented the town ably in the legislative halls of Concord. In 1855 and 1856 he represented the town of Canaan at Concord. As town treasurer he served thirteen years, and as moderator sixteen years. In his religious views he is decidedly liberal; he attends the Universalist Church, and is a generous contributor for its support.

Our subject's nuptials with Mary Jane Burley were consummated May 13, 1857; she is a daughter of Joshua and Mary (Holt) Burley. Joshua Burley was born in the town of Lyme, and was

a stone-mason by trade and a contractor for heavy stone work. He built all the abutments of the railroad bridges from Canada to White River Junction. Many had attempted and failed to make the rock cut on the Boston & Lowell R. R., near Lowell, Mass., but Mr. Burley took the contract, and completed the work, per the specifications. In 1854 he moved to Iowa City, then the capital of the State of Iowa, and bought a large farm, where he spent the remaining days of his life. He belonged to the famous "Graybeard" Regiment during the late Rebellion; his health broke down while in the service, and he died in the hospital at Keokuk, Iowa, in 1865, being over sixty years old, his birth occurring in 1803. His wife was born in 1807, and was taken to her long home at the age of eighty-four. There were born to them the following children: Mary Jane, John D., Elizabeth A., Gordon, Charles H., William F., Georgette, Mary J., Wyman H., Elizabeth A., Harriet E., Emma, Ella M., and George I.

Three sons have been born to our subject. The eldest, Edward B., born Feb. 26, 1860, died Feb. 23, 1863. James Wyman, born July 27, 1864, married Miss Marie Valentine Rutter, and is bookkeeper and paymaster of the Baltic Mills, and also a member of the Enfield Mill Co. John Holt, born Dec. 23, 1867, is a graduate of Tufts College. He married Gertrude A. Way, and resides in Melrose, Mass., with his wife and child, Madeline Emily. He is assistant receiving teller of the Bank of Redemption of Boston, Mass.

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CAPT. BENJAMIN COLBURN, a leading farmer and respected citizen of the town of Lebanon, was born in the above town, Feb. 25, 1824. He is a son of Benjamin W. Colburn and Betsey Wood, daughter of Ephraim Wood, and grandson of Stephen Colburn and Mariam Wood, daughter of Joseph Wood.

Stephen Colburn was among the first settlers of the town, and was always engaged in farming. While a young man he served in the Revolutionary War, for which his wife received a pension after his death. He was a sturdy, hard-working man, with little time to spend in a social way, but yet he won the hearty friendship of his pioneer neighbors by his cheerful and liberal dis-







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position. He died at the age of sixty-six; Mrs. Colburn lived to the good old age of ninety-four. Their children were: Henrietta, Orrin, Amos, Austin, Melinthia, Affie, Sally, Emma, Alpheus, and Benjamin W.

Our subject's father cared for his parents, and upon his mother's death inherited the homestead; he did not remain there very long after his mother died, but sold the property and bought 100 acres of George Wood, where he made his home ever afterward, carrying on general farming, dying there at the extreme age of ninety-two years. The last few years of his life were spent without the comforting presence of his wife, who preceded him to the "fields beyond the swelling flood" at the age of seventy-six. Mr. Colburn was a Whig and later a Republican, and an attendant of the Congregational Church. During his occupancy of the farm he rebuilt the old buildings and added some new ones, besides making other general improvements. There were born to him eight children, named as follows: Cynthia, Maria, Benjamin, Albert, Martha J., G. Henry, M. Elizabeth, and Frances.

Our subject, after attending the district school, finished his education at Pembroke Academy. Returning to his father's home from the academy, he assisted him and cared for his parents, and in due time inherited the property. He has since built a new barn and made other improvements that have added real value to the farm, to which he has added 150 acres by purchase, making 250 acres in all in the farm. For many years he made a specialty of sheep raising, but now devotes his time to dairying, owning some twenty head of fine cattle. In 1896 Mr. Colburn, in company with George H. Billings, built an underground brick building, 11 feet wide by 200 feet long, steam-heated, which is for the purpose of cultivating mushrooms, in which branch of agriculture Mr. Billings has had a wide experience. This building is the only one of its kind in the United States, and it is the object of the owners to supply the city markets in the winter with this delicate edible.

Mr. Colburn married Susan A., daughter of George and Harriet (Harley) Wood. Our subject has three children. Charles E., born Feb. 1, 1849, married Emma Harris, and lives in Everett, Mass. He is a conductor on the electric railway of that place and owns considerable real estate.

Frank E., born July 7, 1852, married Ella Morehouse, and lives in Applegate, Cal. He owns and superintends a mine, and also owns a large ranch. He has four children: Ernest, Myrtle, Jessie, and Mattie. Both our subject's sons are well advanced in the degrees of Masonry. Mr. Colburn's only daughter, Inez E., born Dec. 27, 1857, married George H. Billings, and has three children: Ellen F., born Dec. 22, 1886; Oscar H., April 23, 1890; and Edna B., Dec. 14, 1893. Our subject, although a staunch Republican, has never held office. He and his wife attend the Congregational Church, of which they are consistent members. He is a member of Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 6; St. Andrews Chapter, R. A. M.; and Washington Council. He was a captain in the State militia.

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ASA A. BROWN, a prominent lumberman of Wentworth, N. H., whose portrait appears on the opposite page, is the son of Josiah P. Brown, and grandson of Benjamin Brown. Benjamin Brown was born in Old Hampton, Mass., and passed the years of his youth there, removing soon after marriage to Tilton, N. H., where he remained until his death. He was a farmer by occupation. He married Miss Philbrook of Sanbornton, N. H. Five children resulted from this union: Josiah P., Hannah, Stacy, Joseph, and Benjamin.

Josiah P. Brown was born in Old Hampton, but was reared and received his education in Tilton, where his father moved in the early part of Josiah's life. He was a man of strong personal character, eager in the acquisition of knowledge, and strong to overcome obstacles. His education was not confined to the limited schooling he received, but was extended by the large amount of reading he did. He had strong, sensible opinions of his own on most subjects, and his judgment in matters of doubt was much in demand. He was a natural mechanic, but followed farming most of his life. He was a good musician, and the best mathematician of his town. His position in life was of his own making, and he was respected by all for his noble, honest efforts in gaining an education and in making a way in life. The greater part of his days were spent in the town of Wentworth.

He married Nancy Brown; she lived to the age of seventy-seven. Her husband was a sojourner on this earth almost the same length of time, for he died when seventy-eight years old. Their children were: Bradbury T., Benjamin, Sarah J. (Cross), Joseph (deceased), John G. (deceased), Dorinda A. (Webster), Hannah E. (Blood), Byron W., Alonzo, who ended life's pilgrimage in his sixth year; Asa A., Marshall J. (deceased), Mary A. (Conant) (deceased), Martha A. (Waldron) (deceased), and Alfonzo. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were attendants of the Free Will Baptist Church. He was a Democrat, and served as selectman a few years.

Asa A. Brown, the subject of this sketch, was born March 31, 1837, in Wentworth. He was educated in the schools of his native town. At an early age he began to follow the milling business as his occupation. He was engaged in Government work at Watertown, Mass., for four years. He then went to Vershire, Vt., where he worked at his trade for fourteen years. In 1882 he returned to Wentworth and bought his brother's mill, located in the southwestern portion of the town, where he has been actively engaged in lumbering ever since. He owns a good farm and 3,000 acres of timber land. His average production of lumber at his mill is about 1,000,000 feet per year.

In 1866 he joined his fortunes in marriage with those of Viola B., daughter of John Philbrook of Tilton, N. H. They have a family of five children: Evarts P. married Addie Whicher of Wentworth; Lester R., Hubert L., Harold C., Clyde C. Mr. Brown is a Democrat and has a keen interest in public affairs. He served as selectman of Vershire, Vt., during his residence there. He is well liked by all his neighbors and friends; his integrity in business is unquestioned, and his social and private life is blameless.

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LEWIS R. BROWN, superintendent of the Palermo Mica Mine, and a resident of North Groton, N. H., was born in the town of Warren, N. H., Nov. 3, 1853, and is a son of John and Mary (Robinson) Brown.

Our subject's father was born in Hebron, N. H., and was engaged early in life in contract work on the construction of the railroad from

Concord to Warren. Upon his retirement from contracting he bought the Paul Chase farm in the town of Groton, where he carried on general farming until his death, at the age of seventy years. His wife preceded him to that country from which no traveler returns. He was a Republican in politics, but never held any office, as he had no aspirations in that direction. Six children were born to him: Mary A. and Myra A., twins; John R.; Abbie E.; Frank R.; and Lewis R.

The subject of this memoir was educated in the public schools and entered the lumber business as a starter in his struggle for a livelihood and a comfortable competence. In 1876 he purchased the Rev. Kinne place in North Groton, and began work in the Fletcher Mica Mine. From 1878 to 1882 he was foreman in the Valencia Mica Mines, where he proved his excellent judgment and expert knowledge of mica mines by predicting for it a large degree of success. He then took charge of the Palermo Mica Mine, and for nine years was its efficient superintendent, and most instrumental in developing what has shown itself to be the largest producing mine in the New England States, with a product of the very finest quality; the first prize was taken by this mine at the World's Fair in 1893. For the first four years the mine turned out an average of three tons of mica in a day, and at times when running at its full capacity the output has reached as high a figure as seven tons per day in the rough. While engaged in this line of work Mr. Brown has taken out of the mine some of the finest specimens of crystal quartz, chrysoberyle and chrysolite, rubellite and tourmaline, and has built up a collection that is unrivaled for beauty and value by any in this section of the State, at least.

Mr. Brown married Miss Annie M. Bryar, daughter of Jonathan K. and Lydia P. (Fellows) Bryar of Groton; one child was the result of this union: Annie Eva, born Jan. 30, 1892. In politics Mr. Brown is a Democrat, and although fully capable of filling any office at the gift of his fellow-townsmen, he has been forced to refuse all offers of political advancement, because of the confining nature of his work, which does not allow him much spare time to devote to matters extraneous to his business. In his religious views he is liberal.



HON. EUGENE A. WELLS, of the firm of Wells & Flanders, owners of large cider-mill and saw-mills of Enfield, N. H., was born in the town of Canaan, N. H., Aug. 15, 1851. He is a son of Peter S. and Arvilla (Kimball) Wells, grandson of Ezekiel and Polly (Colby) Wells, and great-grandson of Ezekiel, Sr., and Phebe (Meacham) Wells.

Our subject's great-grandfather, born in the State of Connecticut, was one of the first settlers of the town of Canaan, taking up his residence on the farm where E. W. Dow now lives. He later moved to Canaan Street and built the large house, now the home of Mrs. Wallace, being one of the best houses in the town at that time. He owned large tracts of land, improved and otherwise, and was an extremely popular and well-liked man among his fellow-townsmen. He served as high sheriff of the county, and was an officer of the Revolutionary War. His death occurred at the age of seventy-two; his wife lived on to the advanced age of ninety-four, when she too obeyed the invisible summons. Of sixteen children born to them, the following grew up to manhood and womanhood: Ezekiel, Jr., Caleb, Enos, La Fayette, Phebe, Hannah, Mahala, Polly, and Sally.

Ezekiel Wells, Jr., inherited the homestead and followed farming and the trade of a carpenter; he was also skilled in brick-laying. He died at the age of eighty-four, and his wife at the age of ninety-four. He was a colonel in the State militia, and a Democrat in his political preferences. The children born to them were: Peter S.; Ezekiel, Jr.; Louisa; Polly; and four who died in their youth.

Peter S. Wells was born in the town of Canaan and lived on the homestead, which was his by inheritance, until 1876, and was a very dutiful son to his parents, and cared for them most tenderly in their last feeble years. In 1876 he sold the farm to S. J. and E. W. Dow, and bought an interest in the very mills which our subject and Mr. Flanders now operate, and, under the firm name of Blake & Wells, ran it some four years, when he sold his interest to his son, Eugene A., and Mr. Blake sold his share to H. Flanders. Then our subject's father retired from active business. During the management of himself and Mr. Blake, shingles and building timbers, both in the rough and planed, were manufac-

tured. He owned a nice home in Enfield Village, and lived to enjoy eighty years of life, and was sick only the six months preceding his decease. He was always a strong, sturdy, hard-working man, who seemed to take a delight in work, and to have a corresponding dislike to being idle. He was a Democrat, and served the town of Canaan in the capacity of representative and selectman; in his religious affiliations he was a Universalist. His first wife, Elmira, daughter of Asa Paddleford, died at the age of twenty-seven, and left two children. The elder, Francis H., was a railroad section boss for some twenty-five years, and then bought a mill in Enfield, and ran it for twelve years, after which he retired at the age of fifty-eight. His wife, Sarah Webster, bore him one child, Katie, who married L. S. Nelson. George F., the younger son, lives in the town of Canaan, N. H. His second wife, our subject's mother, was a daughter of Abraham Kimball, and lived to the age of seventy-six. The children by the second marriage were Fred B. and Eugene A., our subject. Fred B. Wells resides at Montreal, Canada, where he is president of a railroad, and a very successful business man.

Eugene A. Wells, after finishing his studies in the district school, began a business life as a clerk in a store; when his father moved to Enfield and began milling, our subject worked with him a short time, and then in company with H. Flanders he rented a part of the mill and power, and manufactured butter tubs and sap pails, until the whole property was deeded to him and his partner. Since they have had complete control of the mill Wells & Flanders have enlarged it, putting in a new water wheel and introduced the very latest and most approved types of machinery for planing, shingle-making, pressing cider, etc.; the cider business is very extensive, and has made as high as 1,496 barrels of the liquor in one season; they have both custom work and a large wholesale and retail business. The mills do the largest business of their kind in this section of the county. Mr. Wells also carries on a coal and wood business, of which he is sole proprietor, and owns a choice farm in Enfield, where he has a granite quarry. During his business life in Enfield, he has also been interested in the meat and produce business, and has dealt considerable in real estate, owning at the present

time a single tenement, a double tenement, and one dwelling intended for three families. In 1895 Mr. Wells built for his own use the fine home on Wells Street, which is fitted with all the modern appliances for ease and comfort, and is a notable addition to the number of handsome structures which adorn the streets of Enfield. From the time of his first residence in the town he has taken a lively interest in its development and growth, and has been among the foremost of the promoters of its welfare. He is an uncompromising Democrat, and votes the straight ticket; he represented the town of Enfield in the Legislature in 1877-78; was selectman in 1889; was town treasurer one year, besides being a member of the school committee, and holding other offices of somewhat lesser importance.

Mr. Wells married Kate E. Nichols, daughter of Benjamin Nichols of Canaan, N. H., and has three children: Lona A., born May 8, 1880; Ned E., Aug. 29, 1882; and Robert B., Feb. 4, 1887.

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COL. JEWETT D. HOSLEY (deceased) of West Lebanon was the son of Luke G. and Polly (Niles) Hosley, and was born in Hillsboro in 1820. Luke G. Hosley was a native of Gill, Mass.; he was a noted teacher of his day, and a very talented musician, composing numerous pieces of great merit, that are sung to-day. His career was cut short in the prime of his life, not being permitted to pass the half-century mark. His wife departed this life about the age of seventy-three. They reared a fine family of seven children; the record is as follows: Jane, Minerva, Jewett D., Abigail, Jeannette, and John and Joseph, twins.

Col. Jewett D. Hosley secured his education in the common schools of Hillsboro and in Hancock Academy, an institution which was in high favor in those days, but has since given way to other schools with larger endowments. He was also fortunate in securing instruction under the celebrated educator, Rev. Mr. Canning, in his private school at Gill, Mass. For four years following his school days he was a member of the household of ex-Governor Pierce, the father of our ex-President, Franklin Pierce. In this way he became closely associated with the ex-Presi-

dent and was a warm personal admirer. He early evinced splendid business talent, and identified himself in the lumber business of his native town; he continued in this connection till 1847, when he became associated in the building of the Northern R. R. He served as superintendent of laying track one year, until 1848, when the road was completed, when he received the appointment of superintendent of the Western terminus of that line, having charge of all the road's interests and the dispatching of trains at White River Junction and West Lebanon, where he located. He discharged the duties of his office with great credit to himself and to the acceptance of the traveling public; he was remarkably faithful to the interests of the railroad, very rarely absenting himself during the thirty-five years of his service.

Col. Hosley was a Democrat of the old school and was ever true to the principles of his party in every detail; however, he believed in a fair battle, and could never be accused of intolerance. His political career was remarkably free from any of the enmities and heart-burnings so common to American politics. He has often been a candidate for office, but owing to the normal heavy Republican majority, he has almost invariably been on the losing side, although at several times pushing his opponent very closely. Since 1853 he has been a candidate of his party for one or other of the branches of the Legislature ten times, but party lines were too closely drawn to allow the breaking down of party barriers to honor one in an opposing party of however great merit. He was once successful in his fight, being elected a selectman in the town when it was Republican more than two to one. He was three times the unsuccessful candidate in the old Eleventh District for State Senator, once a candidate for councillor in 1886, and twice a candidate for Congress, in 1881 and in 1883. Under Pierce's administration he was appointed Postmaster of West Lebanon, and again under President Buchanan did he fill the office. He was a trustee of Tilden Ladies' Seminary since about 1856, and was for a time chairman of its executive committee. His title of colonel was won originally as a member of the staff of Governor Henry Churchill when he was only twenty-two years of age. He was afterwards colonel of the 26th Reg. of New Hampshire Militia. Socially,



he was a member of Blazing Star Lodge of Concord. He was a supporter of the church located in his section of the town, although not a member. He was at all times and under every circumstance connected with any movement that he thought would tend to improve and benefit the town.

In 1844 Col. Hosley entered into the marriage compact with Mary S. Moore of Hillsboro; five children resulted from this union. Three of them are now living: Anna A. (White); Jennie, who resides at West Lebanon, and is postmistress at that place, being appointed by President Cleveland; she is extremely well-liked in society and is very popular among her associates; she is an attendant of the Congregational Church. Harry H., the only son, graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1875, and is now attached as lieutenant to the new cruiser *Indiana*. Mrs. Hosley died Nov. 1, 1874, aged fifty-three years. Two daughters, Jessie (Mrs. William S. Stearns), Josette (Mrs. Arthur Barney) have also died. Our subject departed this life Dec. 8, 1895, and was mourned by many friends. Of his father's family of five children, only one survives, Mrs. William Conn of Portsmouth, a twin sister of the late J. J. Hosley of Danbury.

FRANK J. WOOD, an energetic and enterprising agriculturist of the town of Lebanon, was born in the above town Jan. 11, 1856. He is a son of Jeremiah and Martha Ellen (Dickenson) Wood, grandson of Henry G. and Betsey (Gerrish) Wood, great-grandson of Capt. Joseph, Jr., and Sarah (Gerrish) Wood, and great-great-grandson of Joseph and Anna (Palmer) Wood.

Joseph Wood, Sr., father of Capt. Joseph Wood, the centenarian, was born in Mansfield, Conn., in 1728. He was one of the proprietors of Lebanon, and came to his new home with his wife and the children that were then born, about 1765 or 1766. His good judgment and clear foresight as to the future of this part of the country secured for him a large portion of those beautiful interval lands lying on the east side of the Connecticut River and south of the Mascoma River, extending easterly back among the hills,

thus including a fair portion of the uplands. He erected his first dwelling on the south side of the King's Highway (so-called), which was laid out by the proprietors of the town, and ran in an easterly direction from the interval land, through Lebanon, passing by the Porter place, the Aspinwall hill, the Abel Storrs and the Col. Constant Storrs farms to the Enfield line; the house was located about seventy rods east of the present residence of Oliver L. Stearns. It was in this part of his large possessions that he began to clear the land and prepare a home for the family, and here it was that the youngest children were born. Mr. Wood was blessed with a strong constitution and was imbued with a large amount of perseverance and the principles of industry, so he was enabled to work with a will and the strong power of his arm to fell the forest trees and clear a farm. He was assisted in this work by such of his sons who were old enough to help him. After a few years he succeeded in his purpose and was gratified in seeing wide fields under cultivation and barns filled to overflowing. It soon became apparent to him that with the increase of his worldly goods and additions to his family it was necessary to build larger barns and provide a new house for the family that would be more adequate to their wants. Choosing for a site a place near the intersection of the King's Highway, he built a large dwelling-house, with the end in view of making it answer the double purpose of farm-house and tavern. This was probably the first tavern in the town, and like all country taverns of that time was rude in its conveniences and uncereemonious in its management; but, nevertheless, it was truly a travelers' home, where the landlord was pleased to welcome and attend to the wants of the weary traveler, who in turn was grateful to find a resting place. Mr. Wood continued in his farming and tavern-keeping until 1789, from which time until his death, Nov. 2, 1798, at the age of seventy-three, his son Joseph Wood, Jr., was associated with him. He was active in town and county affairs during the vigorous years of manhood. He was also actively engaged in furthering the religious interests of the community, and was one of a committee appointed to procure a minister for the first church society, and was one of the first who united with the Congregational Church under the pastorate of Rev. Isaiah Potter. He



excelled in his discriminating judgment as to the value of land and other property, and so was uniformly successful in all transactions of that nature. His wife was one of the strong women of the day, and possessed an independent mind; she was almost as much entitled to credit for their success in life as her husband, as her judgment and prudence were exceptional. She died March 11, 1813, aged eighty-five years. Their children were as follows: Rev. Samuel, born in 1753; Mariam, 1755; Jane, 1757; Capt. Joseph, 1759; Capt. Ephraim, 1761; Anna, 1764; Capt. Roger, 1766; Capt. John, 1768; Rev. Benjamin, 1770; and Rev. Luther, 1772.

Capt. Joseph Wood, Jr., was born in Mansfield, Conn., in 1759, and was seven or eight years old when he came with his parents to Lebanon. He received a fair education, and taught school in his younger days. In 1782, he married Sarah, daughter of Henry Gerrish of Boscawen, N. H., and bought a small farm and carried on farming. Later he bought a farm adjoining that of Deacon Stearns, where he carried on general farming, dealt in lumber, and speculated in cattle until he became associated with his father in the management of the homestead and in keeping the tavern. Selling his own farm, he went to live with his father, and on the latter's death he inherited a large portion of his father's estate, including the homestead, to which possessions he afterwards added many acres and became one of the largest land-owners and farmers of the town. Before his death he gave each of his sons a farm valued at \$3,000.00, and each of his daughters \$1,000.00 in cash, and by his will each received nearly \$1,000.00 more. He offered as a premium a yoke of steers or a colt to every grandson named Joseph Wood; his wife not to be outdone in this particular by her husband, offered as a premium a string of gold beads to every granddaughter who should be named after her, Sarah Wood. Thus their children were encouraged to obey the Scriptural injunction: "To go forth and multiply." Consequently among the eleven branches of their family it is not strange to find that there were eleven Josephs and ten Sarahs; each Joseph preferred a colt, and each Sarah received her gold beads.

During the Revolution he was attached to the army and was stationed at Stillwater. He was a pillar of the Congregational Church, and was a

liberal supporter in the building of four churches; toward the establishing of the Tilden Ladies' Seminary he gave \$1,000.00, and was always generous in his contributions to worthy purposes. His centennial was celebrated at his favorite church, near his home in West Lebanon, where but a few weeks later his funeral obsequies took place amid a large concourse of relatives and friends. Following is the record of the names of the children born to him and their births: Sarah, born Aug. 24, 1784; Martha, June 16, 1786; Joseph, April 20, 1788; Polly, Aug. 16, 1789; Henry G., July 4, 1791; Hannah, Aug. 13, 1794; Olive, April 16, 1796; Susan, March 29, 1798; Jeremiah, 1803; Emma, October, 1806; and Samuel, September, 1807.

Henry G. Wood, our subject's grandfather, settled on the farm now owned by our subject, and later on built a house where his son Jeremiah, our subject's father, was born. He was not only a good farmer who thoroughly understood his business, but also very successful in his efforts, and left a handsome property to his heirs. He was more retired in disposition than his father, but withal very active in town affairs. He died in January, 1873. His wife, Betsey Gerrish Wood, passed away to that far land from which no traveler ever returns in 1859, aged sixty-two years. Their children were: Betsey, Sarah, Joseph, Moses, Henry G., Jr., Mary A., and Jeremiah.

Jeremiah Wood attended the Thetford Academy, and then made his start in the task of supporting himself by clerking in a general store; he then bought Joseph Wood's farm, also buying and selling several other places. Later on he bought his father's homestead, where he now resides. He is both a model farmer and a leader among the farmers of the town, being very successful in his chosen occupation. He keeps a large and choice dairy, and has dealt in cattle and produce extensively. He married Ellen Dickenson, daughter of Dwight and Martha (Jennison) Dickenson; she died Jan. 29, 1892. Their children were: Frank J.; Annie; William, who died at the age of twelve; George A.; Ella G. (deceased); Lizzie (deceased); Daniel; Nellie; Sadie; Mabel (deceased); Fanny (deceased); Josie; Joseph; and Ross.

Frank J. attended the State Normal School, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits





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for two years, then spending five years in Boston, Mass., after which he bought his grandfather Wood's homestead of 125 acres. He enlarged some of the buildings to suit his needs and has since followed general farming, devoting much of his attention to his fine dairy of twenty-one head of grade Jerseys.

Mr. Wood was married, April 30, 1893, to Miss Minnie F. Cochrane, daughter of Robert and Janette (Melrose) Cochrane of Leeds, Province of Quebec. Our subject's marriage has been blessed with two children: Sarah Ellen, born Feb. 17, 1894; and Samuel Ashley, born June 17, 1896. Mr. Wood is a Republican, and a member of the Mascoma Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 20.

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THOMAS SCOTT PULSIFER, one of the leading men of the town of Campton, and by occupation a farmer and real estate dealer, was born on the place he now occupies and owns, April 5, 1825. He is a son of Major John and Polly (Palmer) Pulsifer, a grandson of Joseph and Mary (Brown) Pulsifer, and a great-grandson of Joseph and Sarah (Lovell) Pulsifer.

Joseph Pulsifer, Sr., was born in Ipswich, Mass., 1705, and was married to Sarah Lovell in 1744. Their children settled in Connecticut, New York, New Hampshire, and Maine. Their son, Joseph, born in 1745, at Ipswich, learned the cabinet maker's trade, and followed that line of work for some time, until the times became hard, and the people in the vicinity of Ipswich pretty well supplied (the demand for articles, such as were produced by his trade, was not very large in those days). At that juncture he determined to turn to the pursuit of agriculture, and accordingly came on horseback, in company with his wife, both on one horse, to the town of Campton, Grafton Co. Finding that all the desirable river farms had been already settled, he took up a farm in the center of the town, near the present Congregational Church, where they lived a few years; but the soil was sandy and not as productive as he desired, so he, with Chiliub Brainard, started out to look for a better location. By climbing the tall trees they managed to obtain a fair view of the lay of the land, and decided upon the hill, where David B. and

Thomas S. Pulsifer now live. They then set to work to remove the heavy growth of timber in order to put the land in cultivation, Mr. Brainard clearing the land where David B. Pulsifer now carries on his farming operations, and Joseph Pulsifer clearing the farm that now belongs to our subject, Thomas Scott Pulsifer. Joseph built a small frame house, and nails at that time being very expensive, he secured all the boards and even the shingles with wooden pegs. Besides clearing the land of the heavy timber, he also utilized some in working a little at his old trade of cabinet-maker. There being no saw-mills in that region, he was forced to split the large straight-grain maples that he cut down into boards and then with the assistance of an adz and a plane he made them into desks, tables, stands, etc., with which he supplied many of the new settlers. With the help of his stalwart sons, the shortest of whom was five feet and eleven inches, he cleared 100 acres, which has proved to be one of the best farms in the town. Joseph passed away in 1832; his wife was called to her reward in the mansions prepared above in 1830. Their family consisted of four boys and six girls: Mary married Darius Willey; Joseph married Abigail Willey; Sally married Joshua Fletcher; Annie married Samuel Elliott; Hannah married Tristram Bartlett; John married Polly Palmer; Moses married Mary Bartlett; Elizabeth married Joseph Gidding; Charles married Nancy Webster; Ruth married James Burbeck.

Major John Pulsifer, the father of our subject, remained on the farm with his parents and cared for them in their last days. His occupation was farming, and he was a farmer in every sense of the term, most thorough and painstaking in every detail that goes toward making success. His success was such that he was enabled to buy land adjoining the original farm that had belonged to his father until he owned 300 acres of land; about 1812 he built the house, which is still standing, and made many improvements that added to the value of the land. He possessed a splendid judgment, and was a very active man in matters that concerned the town's welfare; he was the kindest and most obliging of neighbors. He served as captain and major in the State militia. He was born Feb. 13, 1781, and died at the age of ninety-three years, six

months and six days. He was endowed with a strong constitution, and would probably have lived to enjoy life longer than he did if it had not been for an accident that caused the fracture of his hip. At his advanced age the bones refused to knit, and the continual drain told on him, forcing him at last to resign himself to the stern decree. He had eleven children: George, Martha, Sarah, Phebe, Joseph, Walter, John M., Elizabeth, Lydia, Thomas S., and Charles W. His first wife was Polly Palmer, who was born in 1784, and died 1839. He married as his second wife Martha Foss, and she lived to pass her ninetieth birthday successfully. He was an active and liberal supporter of the Congregational Church.

Thomas Scott Pulsifer attended the district schools to obtain his schooling and was kept at home to assist his parents in the management of the farm. He remained with them dutifully till death released them from earthly cares, and inherited the farm at last. He was married on Jan. 1, 1852, to Hannah P., daughter of Colonel Moody and Lucy (Eaton) Cook. Col. Cook was born in Campton, and was a son of Lieut. Moody Cook, who was one of the early settlers of Campton. He was engaged in clearing his farm, now known as the Stephen Avery farm when the Battle of Bunker Hill was fought; being a lieutenant in the State militia, he enlisted in the war and was three years fighting for Independence. He sold his farm when he left for the scenes of battles and when he returned he settled in the western part of the town known as Campton Bog, on the farm now known as the Hill farm, where he owned a large tract of land. He did a good deal of clearing, removing the native growth from as much as 100 acres of valuable timber land. He died at the age of eighty-nine. His son, Moody, inherited the homestead of 300 acres and built four barns and a house, which is still standing. He carried on large general farming operations and was counted as one of the solid men of the community. His death occurred when he was sixty-nine years of age. His wife passed away when seventy-nine years old. She was the daughter of Daniel Eaton. Moody Cook's children were as follows: Sarah A., Daniel, Hannah, Joseph, Samantha, Lucy, Hannah P., A. Hastings, Daniel E., and Arthur B. In his political affilia-

tions he was a Whig. He served the town as selectman and in minor offices, and was colonel of the 14th Reg. of New Hampshire State Militia.

Our subject's wife, Hannah P. Cook, was born May 14, 1828, and has borne Mr. Pulsifer three children: Almon S., John M., and Allie C. Almon S. died at the age of twenty-four. John M. is associated with his father in general agricultural operations, and has charge and supervision of all the work. He married Laura S. Worthen, and has one child living, Alice Cook; they lost one child, Scott W. Allie C. was taken home in infancy at the age of two years.

Mr. Pulsifer is a staunch Republican and has served in the town as selectman two terms, and as chairman of the board of selectmen. He has been town treasurer three years; collector five years; superintendent of the poor four years. He has been a member of the school board and represented the town in the Legislature of 1865-66. He has been a justice of the peace since 1857. He is a loyal member of the Congregational Church, and takes a willing part in all the good causes it supports. He is a member of the Grange, and has been Master for ten years, and is now treasurer of the Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of New Hampshire. He is also a member of the State Grange, and has been a director of the Pemigewasset National Bank of Plymouth since its organization.

In connection with this biography of Mr. Pulsifer we also present his portrait on another page of this work.

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DR. MILTON S. WOODMAN of West Lebanon, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the town, was born at Hatley, Province of Quebec, June 4, 1850. He is a son of Albert A. and Mary J. (Sanborn) Woodman, grandson of Joshua S. and Polly (Sturtevant) Woodman, and great-grandson of Benjamin Woodman, who came from Newbury, Mass., to Barton, Vt., and there rounded out his years as a farmer.

Joshua Woodman was born at Barton, Vt., and served an apprenticeship as clothier; having learned his trade, he went to Quebec, and settled in Hatley, where he carried on the clothier business, taking the wool as it came after being



shorn from the sheep, carding it, weaving it, fulling, dyeing, and dressing it. This was done after the old process, and a great deal of it was done by hand. He was a successful man in business, and was a well-to-do manufacturer in 1863 when he retired from his trade. He died in 1866, aged seventy-five years. His first wife died when about fifty years old. Their children were: Joshua S., Jr., Mary M., Eliza J., Caleb T., Albert A., and Priscilla. His second wife was Arethusa Bicknell.

Albert A. went into the factory and worked with his father, but he tired of the confinement, and so bought a farm in Compton, P. Q., where he carried on general farming until his death in September, 1895, at the age of seventy years. His wife, who was a daughter of Levi and Lucy (Plumley) Sanborn, died in 1888 at the age of sixty-eight. Her birthplace was Barnston, P. Q., but when she was young she lived in New York City, and was a milliner by trade before her marriage. There were born to our subject's parents the following children: Milton S., S. Orcelia, Jennie E., and Albert A., Jr. They were members of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Our subject attended the district school and Compton Academy, and fitted for college at the Green Mountain Seminary. In 1872 he entered Bates College at Lewiston, Me., but did not pursue his course there very long, because he desired to be fitted to teach. He, accordingly, entered Bishop College at Lenoxville, P. Q., where he took a special course to enable him to assume the duties of a pedagogue with grace. After his graduation he was principal of the Charleston Academy at Charleston, P. Q., in 1872 and 1873; principal of Danville Academy from 1873 to 1875; and principal of the Essex Classical Institute at Essex Center, Vt., one year. He then came to West Lebanon, N. H., and bought J. Brown's interest in the firm of Drake & Brown, druggists, carrying on that business thereafter under the name of Drake & Woodman for three years. He then bought out Mr. Drake's interest, and conducted the business himself until 1894 under the firm name of M. S. Woodman & Co.

From the time when he first became a druggist he has been engaged in the study and then the practice of medicine. He entered Dartmouth College, the medical department, from which he

graduated in 1888, and immediately entered upon the practice of the profession. Thus he fitted himself according to the best light possible, and to-day in ability and patronage he stands among the leading physicians and surgeons of the county. His finely appointed office is located at his residence at No. 14 Maple Street. In his political views he is a stanch Republican. He has served on the school board eleven years, and was chairman of the board during the building of West Lebanon's beautiful new brick school-house, one of the best in the Connecticut Valley. He served as supervisor of the check list of the town of Lebanon several years; in the election of Nov. 3, 1896, he was elected a representative to the legislative halls of the Capitol at Concord. He is a member of the Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 6; St. Andrews Chapter, No. 1. He also belongs to Myrtle Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 27; and the Morning Star Encampment; with his wife he also is a member of Rebecca Lodge (Fidelity), No. 28; in addition he is a member of Olcott Commandery of the Golden Cross at Olcott, Vt. The Medical Order, A. K. K., includes him among its members, he being the first president of Chapter A. He belongs to the following societies that have to do with his profession: White River Medical Association, New Hampshire Medical Association, and America Medical Association.

Dr. Woodman married Miss Mary E. Morey, daughter of Reuben and Rosetta M. (Brown) Morey. Mr. Morey was a native of Vershire, Vt., from which town he moved with his parents to Strafford, Vt. Until about 1854 he was a farmer. From that time till his death (1868) he was in mercantile business in South Royalton, Vt., and West Lebanon, N. H. He died at the age of fifty-nine. His first wife was Mary Blaisdell, who died in young womanhood, leaving the following children: Joanna, Harriet S., and Charles C., who was killed in the late war while serving as captain of a company of the 2nd Reg. Vt. Vol. Inf. By his second marriage with Mrs. Woodman's mother, he became the father of two children: Wilbur R., who died young; and Mary E. (Woodman). To our subject and wife have been born two children: Mary Milton, born July 8, 1876, is a student at Mt. Holyoke College; James Brown, born Jan. 12, 1879, is attending Dartmouth College.



MISS LAURA DURKEE, one of the most esteemed ladies of the town of Lebanon, is a descendant of an early and noble family of this town. Her parents were John and Lydia (Hebbard) Durkee, and her grandparents were Nathan and Phebe (Bliss) Durkee.

Nathan Durkee was born in Norwich, Conn., in 1755; he was left an orphan at the age of four, and when sixteen years old came to Lebanon with his uncle, Levi Hyde, working for him during his minority, for his uncle was his guardian. After that time until he was twenty-five he worked for sundry persons in the town, and then began to think seriously of marrying and settling down. He accordingly became the purchaser of a lot of 100 acres in the south part of the town. He immediately set to work, cleared a portion of it and prepared a rude house, to which he brought his wife, Miss Phebe Bliss, whom he married in March, 1787. She was born in Lebanon, Conn., March 9, 1762, and was a daughter of David and Sarah (Porter) Bliss, and a niece of Daniel and Isaiah Bliss, who settled in Lebanon, this county. Mr. Durkee was industrious and energetic, and labored with much success in bringing his farm into a good state of cultivation. After a number of years of general prosperity and the accumulation of property by farm improvements and otherwise, he added to the comforts of the place by erecting a good frame house on or near the spot where the old one stood. It was the same house in which he lived during his life, in which all or nearly all of his children were born, and where his oldest son, John, lived and raised his family until 1863, when he sold the farm to Egbert Heath and removed to the village. It was destroyed by fire in January, 1873. The widow of Nathan Durkee lived on with her son John in the old homestead until her decease at the advanced age of ninety-five years. During all her long life she was in delicate health, and for a considerable portion of the time she was unable to render any assistance in the family. Nathan Durkee lived until 1807; and died at the age of fifty-two. He was a man, who though not large in size, was very strong; priding himself on this feature, he occasionally had trials with others in which he was generally successful. He was tough and hardy and capable of enduring great hardships. At the time of the Indian troubles he went to Royalton, Vt., and

during the Revolutionary War he was engaged in one of the Canada expeditions, and was also in Gen. Gates's army at the taking of Gen. Burgoyne, after the battle of Saratoga. His widow received a pension from the Government in recognition of his services.

John Durkee, the oldest son of his parents, was born April 5, 1788, and married Lydia, daughter of James Hebbard, June 6, 1813. She was born Oct. 4, 1786. John lived and labored on the homestead with his father until the latter's decease, in 1807, and then succeeded him in the possession of the homestead and carried on the farm with all its responsibilities and cares for about seven years, at the end of which time he established his young wife as head of the household. It was the beginning of a long journey with a fair prospect of a pleasant one. They labored and traveled together, hand in hand, life's path, with its varying fortunes, in the enjoyment of all those comforts and that happiness which are so generally realized in a farmer's life. Mr. Durkee lived upon this farm seventy-five years, lacking two days, and in all that time he never knew a day's sickness. At length the weakness of age began to show itself, and the once strong and willing hands to lose their power, and Mr. Durkee and his family concluded that a change in the situation would be desirable as giving relief from labor. Having worked out a fair remuneration for a life's labor, he concluded to dispose of his farm and remove to the village, where, with his family, they could all lead an easier life and enjoy the privileges of a town and the comforts of a more agreeable home. Having contracted a severe cold, he was confined to his bed soon after moving. However, his constitution, so well established, gained the victory, and he enjoyed excellent health thereafter until his death in 1875, following after that of his beloved wife six days.

In his early years he was honored with a commission in the New Hampshire militia, and with due respect for that office, he purchased a silver-hilted sword and carried it in triumph through a peaceful campaign in Lebanon. In the War of 1812, when the call was made for troops to go to Portsmouth, he lent it to Samuel Sheldon, Esq., one of the volunteers, who brought it back in safety and returned it unstained by blood of friend or foe. With a gun he was more success-

ful. In the forest, near his house, he shot a gray eagle, measuring seven feet ten inches from tip to tip of the wings, the largest ever seen in this part of the country.

Mr. Durkee had always been a careful, methodical man in business, and managed his interests with great judgment. In regard to raising fruit and improving his fruit orchard, he worked on scientific lines, which had been tried and known to be successful in their results. In his labor on the farm he united a little mechanical work with work purely agricultural, claiming that he could make a better ox-yoke than a professional workman.

During the early years of his life he taught school, and in after years was occasionally one of the committee for the examination of prospective teachers, being well qualified by experience. In regard to his politics, he was a Federalist and then a Republican. Both he and his wife were members of the Congregational Church, the former for forty and the latter for nearly fifty years; for twenty years he was the efficient church clerk. His patriotism, besides being exhibited in his loyal citizenship, often burst forth as it did after the news of the surrender of Richmond became known, when he took his gun out on the village common and indulged in a little private celebration. Although a man of positive convictions upon all the questions of his day and earnest and able in his advocacy in what he thought was right, and though possessing qualities of mind and heart which might have made him a successful leader in society, his tastes led him to prefer retirement; not, however, without making his influence felt where important issues seemed to be at stake.

Their only daughter, Laura, the subject of this sketch, always lived with them, and was a comfort and mainstay to them in their old age. She was the moving spirit in the household, and signally honored the "commandment with a promise" in the patient and faithful care of her parents in their declining years. Her home, left her by her parents, is located on Elm Street, and has been fitted up with those improvements and conveniences that go toward making a comfortable home. She is a prominent member of the Congregational Church, and is much given to extending help and sympathy to those in need.

Hiram H., the oldest son of John and Phebe

Durkee, was born Nov. 4, 1814, and worked on the farm during his minority, receiving the benefits of the district school and Meriden Academy. Having well prepared himself for an active life, he commenced a business career in New York City many years ago and realized a prosperous trade ever since. He married Mrs. Miller, a widow with three children; their union was blessed with one more child. Mr. Durkee died Nov. 22, 1894.

Julius Augustus, the younger son, was born Feb. 4, 1820, and had the same educational advantages as his brother. He also went to New York City, where he spent the first four years in teaching, and then established himself in the mercantile business and accumulated a handsome fortune, and, what is more, he won an honorable name and secured the esteem of all who knew him. His generosity to the Congregational Society in Lebanon will long be remembered by its members, and so will his memory be revered for many other acts of kindness and generosity exhibited in various ways. His first wife was Miss Delight Wilber Champlin of Rhinebeck, N. Y., whom he married April 20, 1852, settling then in the city of Brooklyn. They lived together till June 29, 1865, when his wife died, leaving two little girls. His second wife was Miss Julia Grant of Kenosha, Wis. Mr. Durkee died in Brooklyn at his residence, Feb. 18, 1869, aged forty-nine years.

Nathan Durkee's family was composed of John, Benjamin, Phebe, Nathan, Jr., Bela, and Horace. Benjamin, the second son, and uncle of our subject, was born July 1, 1780; being desirous of obtaining a liberal education, he entered Middlebury College of Middlebury, Vt., and almost finished the course when ill health compelled him to stop. The faculty were so kind as to present him with a diploma. Phebe, born Aug. 26, 1792, married Zuar Eldridge, April 16, 1833, the nearest neighbor on the hill; she was his second wife, and died without issue. Mr. Eldridge was killed in 1873 while walking along the railroad track by the train that came upon him unawares. Nathan Durkee, Jr., born June 21, 1795, engaged in sundry lines of business, being located at one time in Albany, Vt. He married Lucy, daughter of Arad Simons of Lebanon, Feb. 20, 1825. They finally settled in New York City, where he died in 1844, leaving his



widow with a son and daughter, both of whom are married. The mother lived with her daughter in Jersey City, N. J., until her death. Bela, born July 8, 1798, married Elizabeth, daughter of Oliver Baker of Plainfield, and finally settled in Royalton, Vt. They had six children. Horace, the youngest son, born Oct. 25, 1802, married Mary Baker, a sister of his brother's wife; they lived some time in Albany, Vt., and finally removed to St. Johnsbury, Vt., where they both died.

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WILLIAM P. BURTON, a resident of West Lebanon, and one of the town's selectman, was born in Norwich, Vt., Dec. 2, 1828. He is a son of Harvey and Salome (Burton) Burton, grandson of Elisha Burton, and great-grandson of Jacob Burton.

Jacob Burton came from the State of Connecticut in 1764 on a prospecting tour to locate a suitable place for a home, returning to Connecticut the same year. In 1766 he came back and took up a large tract of land, cleared the timber off, and practically founded a settlement, as one-half of the village of Norwich, Vt., is located where he cut the timber and cleared the land. He became the first town clerk, and was one of the committee on rules and regulations of the new town government. He was also County Judge. Not only highly successful in his management of his private property, but also prominent and influential in the carrying on of the early town affairs. He was born in 1715 and died in 1798.

Elisha Burton was born in 1779, and rounded out his career at the age of forty, in 1819. He was a large land-owner, and like his father became one of the leading men of the town and county.

Harvey Burton, our subject's father, built a set of buildings on a portion of his father's farm, but never followed the pursuits of agriculture, as he was engaged in the practice of law. He was elected to the State Senate from his county. In the Congregational Church, of which he was a member, he was an earnest and indefatigable worker. He was born in 1793 and died in 1868.

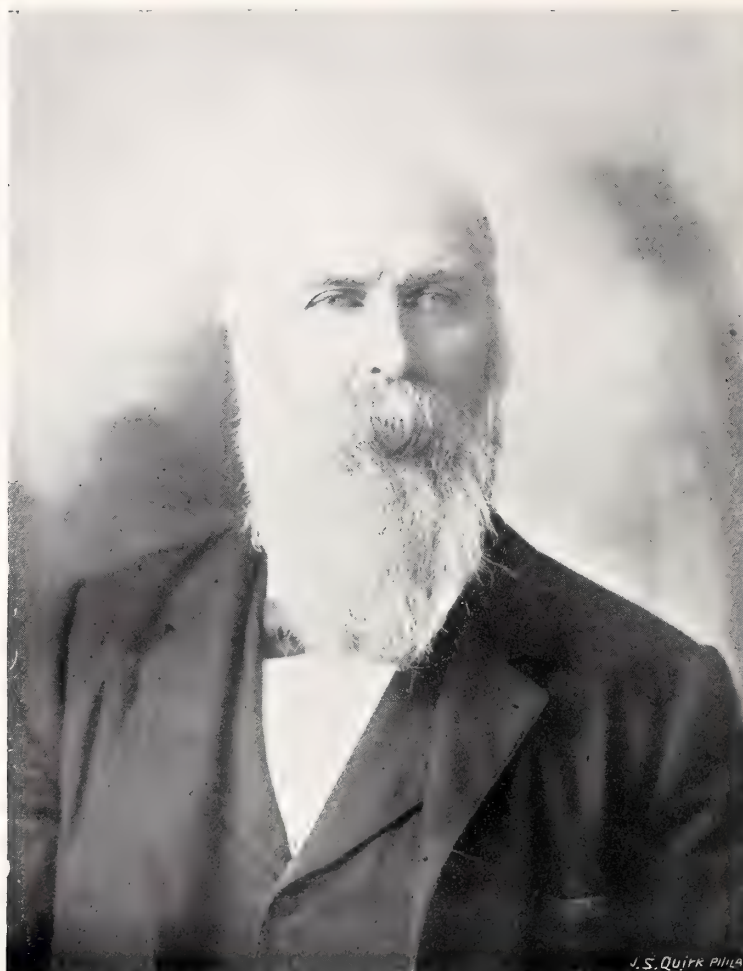
His wife was born in 1800 and passed away in 1830. She was a daughter of Pierce Burton, and, like her husband, was born in Norwich, Vt., where they always lived. The children born to our subject's father by this, his first marriage, were: Sarah J. and William P. He married as his second wife Harriet Brooks, born in 1804, and still living. Her children were: Charles H., Louis E., and Frederick J.

Our subject, after finishing his education, taught school in the South for two years and then came to West Lebanon and went into the mercantile business, which he followed some twenty years. He served as postmaster twenty-one years until Cleveland's first administration; was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1885; served in the State Legislature in 1891-93-95; and has been auditor of the county for the past four years. Mr. Burton built the house where he lives; the location is very desirable, one of the chief beauties being the broad, open view that may be obtained of the Connecticut Valley. He also owns considerable tenement property. Although he is practically retired from business, yet he manages to find something to employ himself at, for he dislikes a life of entire idleness and prefers something to do, for he is naturally of a very active disposition.

Mr. Burton was married in 1854 to Miss Rebecca Blood, daughter of Levi Blood of Manchester, N. H.; she was born in 1834 and died in 1860. One child was born to them, William Harvey, born in 1856. He married Miss Florence K. Armstrong, and lives in Chicago, Ill., where he is associated with the Gorham Manufacturing Co. William P. Burton married as his second wife Emily E. Craft, daughter of Samuel Craft of Lebanon, and has two children by this union. Samuel C., born in 1861, lives in San Francisco, where he is interested in the railroad business. Anna Maud, born in 1863, is a talented music teacher, and resides at home with her parents. Our subject cast his first vote in support of the Whig party, and has been a Republican since the formation of the latter party. He takes an active interest in town and village affairs, and is a leading member of the Congregational Church. As a neighbor and citizen he has always been known as a man of strict integrity, loftiness of spirit, and patriotism, whose influence has been ever exerted for the good.







HON. ALONZO D. MUCHMORE, M. D.

HON. ALONZO D. MUCHMORE, M. D., of Campton village, Grafton Co., was born in Orford, N. H., April 4, 1840. He is a son of James and Sarah J. (Buntin) Muchmore, a grandson of James and Sally (Sherman) Muchmore, and a great-grandson of James Muchmore, who was born on the Isle of Shoals.

James Muchmore, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Northfield, N. H., where his father was one of the early settlers, and made farming his occupation. James Muchmore, the second, also adopted that vocation. He obtained an unimproved farm in Orford and set about to clear the timber from the fertile soil and then cultivated it with splendid results in the way of crops. He was a progressive man and very active in the interests of the community in which he had cast his lot.

He died in Orford at the age of eighty-eight, and his wife at the age of eighty-seven. His wife, Sally, was a daughter of John Sherman, a soldier of the Revolution, serving seven years in the cause of liberty. Her brother, Jacob Sherman, served in the War of 1812; he also has the distinction of commanding the first steamboat that disturbed the blue waters of Lake Champlain. He commanded a privateer during the War of 1812. Mrs. Sally (Sherman) Muchmore was an aunt of General William T. and Senator Sherman.

James Muchmore, son of the foregoing and father of our subject, was born in Orford, N. H., Aug. 4, 1810, and was a farmer and a manufacturer of lumber. He was a Republican in his politics. He passed a calm, peaceful life, not full of any striking incidents, and died at the age of sixty-six from a fatal attack of pneumonia. His wife was stricken down at the age of fifty-nine, also by pneumonia. Their children were: Henry, Alonzo D., Sarah J., and John.

Our subject spent his early life in the saw-mills and on the farm; however, he began the study of medicine very early, spending his leisure time in that manner. On Nov. 30, 1861, he enlisted in the 6th N. H. Vol. Inf. and served several months till he received his discharge papers April 9, 1862. His discharge was due to disease of the lungs, rendering him unfit for hard work. He returned home and persevered in his studies, doing as much as his health would permit; in 1879 he was examined by the State censors of the

New Hampshire Eclectic Medical Society and granted a certificate. He at once commenced the practice of medicine at Campton, and at this time enjoys a large and lucrative practice, which he takes pains to retain by doing his best work on every case. Since he received his certificate he has attended two courses of lectures in the Eclectic Medical College of Maine, where he graduated Feb. 8, 1883, receiving a diploma from that institution and took a post graduate course in 1889 at Burlington, Vt. He is a member of the New Hampshire Eclectic Medical Society and is one of its board of censors. He is a member of the Campton Village Baptist Church, and is one of its wardens. He is a member of the Penniman Post, G. A. R., and is also one of the Sons of Temperance. Socially, he is a member of the Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M., and also of the A. U. O. of Druids. In politics he is a Republican, and represented the town in the Legislature of 1889-90.

On June 16, 1870, he married Effie L., daughter of David D. and Lydia (Hill) Cross. Mr. Cross was a farmer and resided in Piermont; he died at about the age of seventy. His wife survived him eight years, making her home with our subject's family until her death, Jan. 15, 1897. Dr. Muchmore has one son by this marriage, James Christopher, who was born April 4, 1871, and married Fannie G., daughter of Arthur Cook. Mr. Christopher Muchmore owns and operates a general store in Campton village, and is very popular among the village people. He and his wife are both members of the Baptist Church.

A portrait of our subject accompanies this sketch.

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GEORGE FLETCHER ANDREWS, a dealer in marble in Enfield, and one of that town's most highly esteemed citizens, was born there June 19, 1838. He is a son of Jonathan and Sarah (Hoyt) Andrews, and grandson of Mark and Polly (Ross) Andrews.

Mark Andrews was born in Jabacco, Mass., and was a fisherman during his younger days; about the year 1800 he relinquished that occupation, and, after removing to Enfield, engaged in farming, having purchased a tract of land in



the town near the east end of East Pond, where a small amount of land was cleared, and a log-house standing. With horses and wagons he transported his wife and all of the children but the youngest, which he left with its grandparents. On this farm, which he had selected, Mark Andrews cleared the land and lived to a good old age; when he retired from active work he went to Wilmot, N. H., to live with his daughter, and there his end came at the age of eighty. His wife departed this life at the age of seventy-eight. Their sons numbered eight in all, as follows: Amos, who died young; Mark; John; Jonathan; Timothy; Hezekiah; George; and Randall. There were five girls: Mary, Martha, Lucy, Nancy, and Prudence.

Jonathan Andrews early in life learned the shoemaker's trade, and became a very skilled workman in handwork. He lived at Marlborough, Mass., six years, and then returned to Enfield, and, buying a farm on George Hill, carried on farming and shoemaking. He settled there about 1853, and after a few years sold the property and came to Enfield Center, going still later to Claremont, N. H., where he died at the age of eighty-seven. He was very active up to the last years of his life, looking much younger than he really was, and for all his work at the bench he was as straight as an arrow. He was a Democrat, and later a Republican in politics, and a member of the M. E. Church. His wife, who was a daughter of Moses Hoyt, died at the age of eighty-two, leaving three children, all of whom are living to-day: Arminda, George Fletcher, and Minerva S.

George Fletcher Andrews was educated in the district schools of Enfield and worked with his father at shoemaking until he was eighteen years old, when he went to Concord, N. H., and labored at cutting, polishing and marking marble two years. In 1862 he came to Enfield and set up his present business, being the only marble dealer in his section of the county. He has done a very good business since and handles a large variety of marbles, but at the present time deals in the product of the Sutherland Falls quarries most extensively. On Nov. 7, 1865, he married Miss Sarah N. Hartford, daughter of Benjamin and Calista (Cochran) Hartford.

Benjamin Hartford was born in Somersworth, N. H., Jan. 1, 1803, and was a son of Moses and

Hannah (Furber) Hartford, and grandson of Nicholas Hartford, who came from Hartford Co., England, to this country, and settled in Dover, N. H. His son Moses was a merchant and a farmer of Somersworth, N. H. Benjamin Hartford lost his father when a boy by the hand of death. His mother took some of the smaller of her children and joined the Shaker Community at Enfield; Benjamin learned the mechanic's trade, and happening to come to Enfield to visit his sister he took a fancy to the mode of life, and was enrolled as a member for nineteen years. While there he devoted much of his time to the invention of various articles of usefulness. He invented the first friction match, in 1832, and manufactured them; also the noted turned pails and tubs, revolving gun, a tin harness to weave broadcloth, and a water-wheel; all of these articles are in use to-day. When he had left the Shakers, and married, he built a house and shop at Enfield Center, and ran a turning lathe for six years and a half; he then settled where our subject lives now, and died at the age of sixty-three. He married Calista, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Nichols) Cochran; Mrs. Hartford died at the age of sixty-nine, having borne her husband two children: Lucinda, who died at the age of twelve years; and Sarah, the wife of our subject.

Robert Cochran was born in Enfield and was a son of Jacob and Margaret (Webster) Cochran. Jacob Cochran was born on the ocean when his parents were coming to America, about the year 1751. He settled in Pembroke, Mass., and later in Salisbury; about 1774 or 1776 he came to Enfield and settled on George Hill, farming there until his sixty-fifth year, and died at his son Robert's at the age of ninety. His son built in 1806, where our subject now lives, and ground flaxseed and manufactured linseed oil; he was also a farmer and had extensive land interests. He was born in 1776, and died in 1858; his first wife, Abigail Currier, was born in 1785, and passed away to the scenes beyond the river of death in 1820. She left two children: Albert and Emily. His second wife was Sarah Nichols; her children were: Calista, Sarah, and Augusta.

Our subject's union has been blessed with two children. Leon J., born May 15, 1867, married Elva Woodward, and lives at Claremont, N. H., where he is a dealer in marble; they have one

child, Harold. Carrie M., born Aug. 31, 1875, lives at home with her parents. After Mr. Andrews married he came to his wife's home and cared for her parents during the last years of their life; it is a matter of record that in the house where he lives twenty-six of the members of the families of his wife's ancestors died, most of them advanced in age. Mr. Andrews has lately put the house in excellent repair, and owns a finely cared-for farm of ninety acres. He is a Republican, and has taken a prominent and leading part in the affairs of the town, serving three years as overseer of the poor, besides acting in other official capacities. He is liberal in his religious views. He is a member of the Grange, and of the Social Lodge, No. 50, F. & A. M.

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WALDO W. WOOD, a descendant of one of the pioneer families of the town of Lebanon, and a standard and leading farmer of the same town, was born in the above town, Sept. 24, 1865. He is a son of Roger and Emily (Willard) Wood, grandson of Capt. Roger and Achsah (Tilden) Wood, and great-grandson of Joseph and Anna (Palmer) Wood.

Joseph Wood was born in Mansfield, Conn., in 1725; his wife was born in 1728. He was one of the proprietors of Lebanon, and emigrated with his wife and children from his native place about 1765 or 1766, and took up a new residence at his adopted home. His good judgment and clear foresight secured for him and his heirs a large proportion of those beautiful interval lands lying on the east side of the Connecticut River and south of the Mascoma River, extending easterly far back among the hills, including a fair portion of the uplands. His first house he erected on the south side of the King's Highway (so called), which was laid out by the proprietors of the town, and which ran easterly from the interval land through Lebanon, passing by the Porter place, the Aspinwall hill, the Abel Storrs and the Col. Constant Storrs farms to the Enfield line; the house was about seventy rods east of the present residence of Oliver L. Stearns. It was on this section of his possessions that he began to clear the land, and to prepare a new home for his family, where his younger children were

afterwards born. Joseph Wood possessed a strong constitution, was industrious and persevering, and labored with a will and the power of a strong arm that rarely wearied, to fell the monarchs of the forest and clear a farm; he succeeded in a few years in the accomplishment of his purpose, with the assistance of some of his boys, who were old enough to help him. Additions to his farm were made from year to year, which, with the increase in his own family, necessitated the making larger barns and the building of a new house. Coming to the conclusion that a site near the intersection of the King's Highway would be most desirable, he built a house there with the end in view to make it serve the double purpose of a tavern and a farm-house. This was probably the first tavern in the town, and, like other wayside inns of that day, was rude in its conveniences and uncereemonious in its management, but, nevertheless, it was the travelers' home, where the landlord was glad to welcome a customer and the foot-sore traveler was happy to find a resting place where he might recuperate his strength. Mr. Wood continued his farming and tavern-keeping until 1789 when his son, Joseph, Jr., became associated with him until the former's death, Nov. 2, 1798, aged seventy-three years. He was active in town and county affairs. He was active in his promoting the religious interests of the settlement. In 1769 he was appointed as a member of a committee to procure a minister, and was one of the first to join the Congregational Church under the pastorate of Rev. Isaiah Potter. His wife, who possessed a strong, independent mind, was as much entitled to credit for her superior judgment and prudence in acquiring property as her husband. She died March 11, 1813, aged eighty-five years. Their children were: Rev. Samuel, born 1753; Marian, 1755; Jane, 1757; Capt. Joseph, born in 1759, who lived to celebrate his passing the century mark; Capt. Ephraim, 1761; Anna, 1764; Capt. Roger, 1766; Capt. John, 1768; Rev. Benjamin, 1770; and Rev. Luther, 1772.

Capt. Roger Wood, our subject's grandfather, was born in Mansfield, Conn., and was taken when a child to the family's new home at Lebanon; on arriving at manhood he settled near where our subject now lives, and became a large land-owner and a prominent man in the town.



He was commissioned a captain in the State militia and thereafter known by that title. The children born to him and his wife were named: Achsah, Samuel, Rosamond, Luther, Hannah, and Roger.

Roger Wood, Jr., the youngest child of the foregoing family, was born in the house which our subject now owns, Sept. 4, 1811. He inherited the homestead, and later bought more land. He was a practical man and performed his work and duties with judicious carefulness, confident that "haste makes waste". His good judgment served him in good stead when called upon by his fellow-citizens to fill offices of trust in his native town. He was eighty years old at his death. His wife was born March 14, 1821, passed away to the realms of peace at the age of fifty-two. Their children were as follows: Roger B., born March 14, 1844; Samuel P., April 24, 1846; Achsah E., Feb. 12, 1849; Rosamond A., Sept. 9, 1852; Luther W., May 7, 1857; Dana S., born May 2, 1858; Hannah M., May 10, 1860; and Waldo W., the subject of this personal history.

Our subject being the youngest son of his parents, assisted and cared for them in their last days, and inherited the farm, on which he has since made many valuable improvements, both on the land and buildings, remodeling the house to suit his needs and desires. The farm comprises some 300 acres, and supports twenty-five head of choice milch cattle and eighty fine sheep. He is both practical and enterprising in his methods of farming and has original ideas of his own how farming should be done. He deserves to rank among the first farmers of the town and county.

On Jan. 10, 1891, Mr. Wood was married to Miss Lizzie F. French, daughter of Russell B. and Helen A. (Smith) French. Russell B. French was born in Plainfield, N. H., and is a son of John and Harriet (Berry) French, and a grandson of Nathaniel and Alice (Back) French, who were among the early settlers of Plainfield, and lived to a good old age to enjoy the fruits of their toil. Six children were born to them, namely: Hezekiah, Lyman, Lucinda, Betsey, John, and Susan. John French succeeded his father on the farm and always lived in Plainfield engaged in agricultural pursuits, dying at the age of eighty-three. His wife lived to the age of seventy-six. Their children were: Almond,

John H., Melissa, Russell B., Charles, George, and Francis. When a young man Russell B. French, the father of Mrs. Wood, bought the Slack farm in the northern part of Plainfield, where he has carried on farming since and is pleasantly located at the present writing. He married Helen A., daughter of Benjamin and Calista B. (Stone) Smith. To Mr. and Mrs. Russell B. French were born eight children, as follows: Luther J., Walter H., Bert E., Lizzie F., John W., Albert D., Herman E., and Leon C. Mr. French enlisted in 1862 in Co. E., 11th Reg. Vt. Vol. Inf., serving thirty-three months as a private. He was taken prisoner at Petersburg, and was held a prisoner in Danville Prison seven months and ten days; while thus confined his health suffered and was impaired to such an extent that he has never fully recovered, and now draws a small pension from the Government.

Mr. Wood and his wife have had one child, Waldo Wendell, who was born June 17, 1894, and died Sept. 21 of the same year. Our subject is a Republican in politics. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church.

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LEWIS T. COLBY, not only one of the largest farmers of the town of Enfield, but also a descendant of one of the town's early settlers, was born in the house where he now makes his home, Nov. 26, 1834. He is a son of Thomas J. and Melinda (Jackman) Colby, grandson of Rowel and Lydia (Pettengill) Colby, and a great-grandson of Zacheas Colby. Zacheas descended from one of three brothers, William, Roger, and Rowel, who came from England to Salem, Mass., at an early date.

Rowel Colby was born in Salisbury, Mass., Nov. 22, 1758, and married Lydia Pettengill, whose father had settled in Salisbury and taken up a large tract of land in Enfield, and gave his daughter Lydia a farm, which was then a complete wilderness. About the year 1780 Rowel Colby and wife Lydia came to Enfield and made a permanent settlement on this property. The year before Mr. Colby brought his wife he made his way to their new possessions by means of the bridle path, whose direction was blazed on



the trees, built a small log-house, dug a well, cleared a small field for cultivation, and planted winter rye. After four years of residence in the log-house, in 1784, he built a small frame house, used now by our subject as a granary, which sufficed for their wants until 1800, when he built the house, now the home of the subject of this sketch. It was at that time the largest and by far the best house in the town, and it was often remarked that Mr. Colby would be bankrupted, and his fine beginning end in complete failure. No such ending came, for he was a hard worker and exercised his judgment so well that he succeeded in everything he undertook. To this new home he brought the first brass clock in the town, a standard instrument, costing \$75.00, which is keeping good time to-day for our subject. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and was one of Gen. Stark's soldiers at the battle of Bennington; he seemed to be devoid of anything like fear, and, single-handed, made a capture of a noted Indian, and turned him over to the authorities; he preserved his powder-horn, which may be seen adorning the old brass clock. He brought 100 small apple trees on his back from Salisbury, N. H., and set them out, and thus came to have one of the first and best orchards in the town; some of these trees are living and bearing to-day. Later on he set out more trees, and his improvements are visible in all directions, for before his death he had become owner of over 1,000 acres of land, extending through Enfield Center, and including farms in the adjoining towns. He was a man of prominence in the town, and served as selectman and in other town offices. He was religiously inclined, and a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. He departed this life Jan. 22, 1832. His wife was born March 13, 1760, and passed away in 1854. Their children were: David, born March 13, 1782; Betsey, Dec. 27, 1783; Hannah, Oct. 19, 1785; Mary, March 12, 1788; Lydia, July 22, 1790; Sally, Oct. 12, 1792; Rowel, Nov. 23, 1795; Zacheas, March 26, 1798. Lucretia, April 20, 1803; and Thomas J., May 24, 1805.

Thomas J. Colby, being the youngest of the family, remained at home and cared for his parents, inheriting the homestead of 275 acres at their death. He kept a large dairy and worked an extensive sugar bush. Faithfully taking to heart the teachings and principles of a success-

ful farmer, and applying them in his work, he became a model farmer; he died in his seventy-seventh year. His wife, who was a daughter of Samuel Jackman, was born Feb. 27, 1807, and died Sept. 9, 1889. Their children were: Lewis T., the subject of this short biography; Mary C., who was born Oct. 8, 1839, married J. J. French, and lives in Everett, Mass., the mother of three children: Willie W., Lou F., and Rosamond. Our subject's father was a Democrat, and served as selectman, and as representative. He was a member of the M. E. Church.

Lewis T. Colby attended the Canaan Academy, and then spent some two years at painting, after which he returned home and took charge of his father's farm, and has remained there ever since, easing and making happy his parents' last hours. He formerly kept a large dairy and raised a quantity of sheep, but now he only keeps a small dairy, and is interested very much in poultry. He has one of the largest yards of poultry in the town, keeping upwards of 600 choice hens and raises some 600 to 1,200 fowls a year. He has a standard and special trade in eggs at the Boston markets. He is a Democrat and a loyal supporter of Democratic principles. He is a member of the M. E. Church, and of the Grange.

July 3, 1860, he married Mary Hardy, daughter of Thomas J. Hardy of Enfield; she died Oct. 15, 1870, aged thirty-three years, leaving one son, Thomas J., who was born Aug. 16, 1861. He is a machinist of Franklin, N. H.; and married Lilly Vose, and has had four children, all now deceased. Our subject was again married March 1, 1873, to Miss Jane L. Colby, daughter of Rowel, Jr., and Lydia (Dinsmore) Colby. Rowel Colby was a farmer of the town of Enfield, and owned and ran the grist and saw-mill at Fish Market, which our subject later on operated. He died at the age of eighty-three, and his wife at the age of seventy-seven. Their children were: Wyman P., born March 18, 1839; Ann M., born Jan. 10, 1841; and Jane L., our subject's wife. Our subject's second union was blessed with one son, Forest L., born June 17, 1876, who is associated with his father in farming and poultry raising. Mr. Colby is a very popular man among his associates, because of his many sterling qualities, and is respected wherever he is known.

HON. JUSTUS SARGENT, chairman of the board of selectmen, a large farmer and prominent citizen of Lebanon, was born in Lebanon, Grafton Co., N. H., March 27, 1838, and is a son of Orlando and Sarah (Gerrish) Sargent.

Orlando Sargent was born in Amesbury, Mass., and learned the wheelwright's trade, and early settled in Woodstock, Vt., where he carried on his trade some years. He then removed to Lebanon, where he became a butcher and ran a market until his death by fever at the age of fifty-five; his wife was taken away from the midst of her family at the same age by reason of a cancer. She was a Congregationalist, while her husband was loyal to the M. E. Church. Mr. Sargent was a Democrat in his political views. The children born to them were: Mary, a maiden lady, who resides at Lebanon, N. H.; Orlando of Hillsboro, N. H.; and Justus, the subject of this brief personal narration.

Justus Sargent, after attending the schools of his district in Lebanon, entered into partnership with J. W. Gerrish and went to Chateaugay, N. Y., and there engaged in the bark and lumber business for some years. He then in company with Mr. Gerrish purchased the Billings farm of 300 acres, situated near the village of Lebanon, and carried on farming there; later he sold his interests in the property to his partner, but soon bought back the whole farm, and has been largely interested in general farming ever since. He has a very large, modernized house and barn, one of the best sets of farming buildings of any farmer in the town; his orchards include the best varieties of fruit and yield him a handsome income. For many years he ran a milk route through the village, keeping a large dairy of thirty choice Jerseys. His poultry yards contain some 500 fancy-bred fowls; this is a work in which Mr. Sargent excels, for he is a master of the details necessary for success. In addition to other lines of work he deals extensively in cattle. He is a man of truth and integrity, and honors his business dealings with strictly honorable business principles. If there are any that are entitled to the unlimited confidence of their friends and fellow-citizens, we must surely place Mr. Sargent among that number. He stands among the leading farmers of the town and county, and is dependent on no one for his bounty. He has always been a staunch Republi-

can, and represented the town in the Legislature in 1891-92, and has been chairman of the board of selectmen since 1893, serving on the board five years previous to his being elevated to the head. In the Civil War he served eight months in the 5th Reg. Vt. Vol. Inf., as musician, playing the tenor horn.

Mr. Sargent was married to Charlotte Beman, daughter of Theodore Beman of Chateaugay, N. Y.; she died at the age of twenty-six. His second marriage was consummated with Miss Helen M. Felton, daughter of Moses H. and Almeda (Bromley) Felton of Schuyler Falls, N. Y.; Mr. Felton was later an iron worker of Chateaugay, N. Y. By our subject's last marriage he was blessed with two children: Frank Orlando, who died in 1881 at the age of nine years; and Sarah Josephine, born Jan. 6, 1873, who married F. G. Carter of Lebanon, a member of the firm of H. W. Carter & Sons, manufacturers of overalls and shirts.

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AMOS M. BRYANT, a resident of the town of Enfield, living in Enfield Center, and leading in most respects a retired life, was born in the above town, March 21, 1832, and is a son of Matthew and Lucinda M. (Morse) Bryant, and grandson of William Bryant.

William Bryant was born in Haverhill, Mass. His father came to America with his parents when he was six weeks old from Maghera, near Derry, Ireland. Tradition states that the remote ancestors of this family were in Derry when it was besieged. William Bryant came to Enfield from Cornish, N. H., and later in life moved out west, making his home in Ohio a great part of the time, and living to be almost 100 years old. He was married three times and became the father of seventeen children. His first wife died several years after the consummation of their nuptials, leaving one child, who did not long survive its mother. His second wife, a member of the Webster family and grandmother of our subject, bore her husband seven children, who were as follows: James, who lived in Western New York; William, who lived in Central New York; Matthew, the father of our subject; Moses, a resident of Massachusetts; Henry, who lived in







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Cornish, N. H.; Mary, who made her home with Henry; and Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Harrington of Windsor, Vt. The children by Mr. Bryant's third wife, numbering nine in all, settled in the west chiefly, several living in Joliet, Ill., and its vicinity.

Matthew Bryant was born in Cornish, N. H., Feb. 10, 1801, and when a young man went to live with his uncle, Jonathan Johnson of Enfield, who had married Anna Bryant. Mr. Johnson was a large and prosperous farmer, so that at his death his nephew inherited a very valuable property. Matthew Bryant lived on his uncle's estate for many years and built a new house, but in 1852 traded the property for a place at Enfield Center, where he died Feb. 18, 1866. His wife, who was a daughter of William and Mary (Young) Morse, was born March 29, 1829, and departed this life Feb. 8, 1890. There were born to our subject's parents the following five children: George W., James F., Betsey H., Amos M., and Matthew. Our subject's father was originally a Democrat, but became a Republican when that party was organized on the basis of Anti-Slavery; he served the town as selectman, as county commissioner, and in other offices of trust of like character. He was a Methodist in his religious views.

Amos M. Bryant at the age of eighteen began life in earnest as a clerk for A. & G. W. Conant, remaining with them ten years until 1861, when he was the first man who enlisted from the town of Enfield. He was enrolled for three months' service in Co. K., 1st Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., and at the expiration of his term of service and upon his return home assisted in recruiting the 11th Regiment. He then went to Tilton, where he was in the dry goods business three years with his brother, Matthew. Upon giving up the business he went west and ran as express messenger from Chicago to St. Louis for a number of years. Returning to Enfield he went into general trade with his brother, James F., until 1884, when he sold out, and has since spent most of his time in the retirement of private life in his own home, except for a little painting he does now and then.

Mr. Bryant married Miss Lizzie F. Little, daughter of Ebenezer and Almira (Tailor) Little. Ebenezer Little was born in Enfield and was a son of Ebenezer, Sr., and Elizabeth (Emerson) Little. Ebenezer Little, Sr., was born in Atkin-

son, Mass., March 5, 1777, and in 1798 settled in Enfield on George hill, where he entered upon farming operations, a neighbor of the early pioneers of this region; he was a man of unusual energy, cleared a large farm, and became a very well-to-do man. Our subject had had three children by his union with Miss Little: Lula M., born June 1, 1868, fitted at Plymouth Normal School, and is now a teacher in the schools; Edith M., born Sept. 15, 1871, is also a teacher; and L. Gertrude, born Aug. 18, 1873, at home. Mr. Bryant has done much to advance the interests of the Enfield schools; he has been long a member of the school board and was very instrumental in having the school-house rebuilt. He is a Republican politically, and has served as overseer of the poor four years, as town clerk one year, and as tax collector. Socially, he is a member of the following organizations: Social Lodge, F. & A. M.; G. A. R. Post, No. 52, of Enfield; and the Grange. He was appointed Postmaster of Enfield Center under Harrison, serving four years.

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JOHN P. EATON, a retired farmer of Wentworth, N. H., whose portrait appears on the opposite page, is the son of Jesse, and the grandson of Moses Eaton.

Moses came from Hampstead, N. H., to Wentworth, N. H., in his young manhood. He carried on farming very extensively, and was able to make many improvements of a permanent nature on the homestead. He married Hannah Currier. She departed this life some years previous to her husband. Mr. Eaton passed away when sixty-five years old. They reared two children: Jesse, and a sister, who married a Wolcott.

Jesse Eaton was born in Wentworth on the old homestead, and was educated in his native town. He engaged himself in the pursuit of agriculture on the homestead, and remained on it all his life. He married Elinor, daughter of John Page of Wentworth. Jesse Eaton was called to fairer scenes at the age of seventy-seven; his wife survived him a number of years, at last joining those gathered on the golden shore in her eighty-fifth year. The children born

to them were: Abigail H. (Bailey), Susan M. (Wright), John P., the subject of this sketch; Hannah P. (Goodell), Louisa J. (Wright), Martha J. (Carr), and Moses C. Jesse Eaton was a Democrat until the election of Franklin Pierce; after that he supported and voted the Republican ticket. He served as selectman, and represented the town in the State Legislature. He was also town collector for many years.

John P. Eaton was born in Wentworth, Sept. 9, 1829. The district schools furnished him with a good common school education. He has always been engaged in farming up to 1894, when he removed to the village.

In 1859 he was married to Harriet C., daughter of Thomas and Eliza Burroughs of Newbury, Vt. Clarence A., the only child, married Emma L., daughter of Peter Hobbs of Wentworth. They have two children: Lewis C. and Maud L.

Mr. Eaton regularly votes with the Republican party, endorsing its candidates, and, although he has a keen interest in town affairs, he has never accepted any public office.

JOSEPH W. JEWETT, a retired farmer of the town of Lebanon, and a descendant of a pioneer family of Grafton Co., was born in Hartford, Vt., Feb. 8, 1818, and is a son of Haynes and Hannah (Wood) Jewett, and a grandson of James Jewett, who came to New Hampshire from Rowley, Mass., and settled in Enfield.

Haynes Jewett was born in the town of Enfield, Grafton Co.; his father being a Shaker and a member of a Shaker community, Haynes was educated according to Shaker ideas. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and at the age of twenty-six left the Shaker village to make his own way; he built a shop on Capt. Joseph Wood's farm, since known as Butmanville, and at that place he married Hannah, daughter of Joseph Wood, who was a prominent citizen of Lebanon. After a few years he went to White River Junction, Vt., in the town of Hartford, bought a farm, and both operated it and prosecuted his trade until 1828, when he returned to Butmanville and bought back his former blacksmith shop and also a small farm near by, living there until 1837, when he sold that property and bought a farm in

Canaan. In 1839 he returned to Lebanon and bought the Deacon Post place of 110 acres, which is now the home of our subject, where he carries on his farming. Haynes Jewett, besides being engaged in agricultural pursuits, was also in trade. His death occurred at the age of seventy-six, and that of his wife at the age of eighty-eight. Their children were: Sarah; Joseph Wood, our subject; Haynes, Jr.; and Calvin.

Our subject attended the district and high schools, and Capt. Partridge's Military School of Norwich, Vt. He then became clerk in the Union House at Norwich, Vt., for three years, returning to his father's farm at the end of that time and assisting his parent in general farming work for some two years. He then entered the Washington Coffee House at Boston as clerk; he was later connected with the Elm Street House, where he remained three years, and finally at the Broomfield Street House for three years and a half. Then in company with Daniel Chamberlain he conducted a hotel at Fall River, R. I.; selling his interest at length and returning to Boston, he bought an interest in the Pearl Street House, and after one and one-half years he sold and became steward at the Adams House. He was a great advocate of temperance, and during his four years with this hotel he was the means of running it as a temperance hostelry. A great aim in his life was to advance the cause of temperance by the doing away with bars where liquor might be sold in the various hotels in which he worked. The Broomfield Street House he reorganized on a temperance basis. He was in other hotels for short periods, the last work of this kind was performed for the Marlborough House, which was conducted strictly on religious and temperance principles. He then came to the old homestead and bought out his brother in 1857, his brother having made many improvements a couple of years before. Our subject has since carried on farming, taking his son, John H., into partnership with him. They own to-day 265 acres of land, operate a fine dairy, and have a flock of 100 of the finest coarse wool sheep in the county. They have also several yards of fancy-bred poultry. They have built new barns of large dimensions, and conduct the whole farm in a model manner. In the esteem of their fellow-townsmen and neighbors



they have secured a high and worthy place, by reason of their honorable dealings at every time and place.

Mr. Jewett married Miss Cynthia A. Ela, daughter of John and Julia (Demary) Ela; our subject's wife was born Jan. 5, 1828. John Ela was born in the town of Lebanon, and is a son of Benjamin and Abigail (Emerson) Ela. John Ela was one of the progressive farmers of the town; he lived and died on the farm that his father settled, departing this life, aged seventy-six; his wife reached the venerable age of eighty. Their children were: Cynthia A., John, Jr., Geo. W., Abbie<sup>e</sup> E., Charles N., Benjamin F., Richard H., Albert B., and William H.

Our subject had three children born to him, one of whom, a son, was lost in infancy. John H., born July 1, 1861, married Maud J., daughter of George L. Stearns. Edna A. married Charles Hutchins, and died at the age of twenty-four, leaving one child, Mildred J. Our subject and wife are faithful members and zealous workers of the Congregational Church. Mr. Jewett supported the Whig and then the Republican party.

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LEVI C. WOODS, general agent of the West Lebanon terminus of the Concord Division of the Boston & Maine R. R., and a very influential and popular citizen of the town of Lebanon, was born in Woodstock, Vt., March 22, 1840. He is a son of Benjamin and Mary (Bugbee) Woods, and grandson of Thomas and Polly Woods.

Thomas Woods came from the State of Connecticut to Vermont, and was occupied in farming all his life. Both he and his wife lived to enjoy a good old age. Their children were: William, Stillman, and Benjamin.

Our subject's father worked at agricultural pursuits and in the factory until 1844, when he went to Hooksett, Merrimac Co., N. H., and purchased a farm, but later sold and bought some property in Canaan, N. H., where he died at the age of seventy. His wife was born in 1807, and died in 1860. There were born to them the following children: Lyndon B., Susan M., Levi C., and Alba. Our subject's two brothers served during the late war.

Levi C. Woods's early education was limited to what he received before the age of eight in the district and private schools. At the age named above he entered the cotton manufacturing mills as bobbin boy and worked there considerably until he was eighteen years of age. He then entered the railroad shops at Canaan, and worked at blacksmithing, welding rails, for at that day, when rails were broken, so costly were they, that the railroads always used to weld them and use them again. He worked there until 1862; in July of that year he began firing on a locomotive, and so well did he do and so faithful was he to the interests of the company, that in January, 1865, he was given an engine with a run on the line that was first known as the Northern R. R. of New Hampshire, now a part of the Boston & Maine system.

On Nov. 28, 1887, he was asked by General Superintendent Todd to go to West Lebanon to assist Col. Jewett D. Hosley, whose health was failing. Our subject did not like the idea of giving up his engine, but he appreciated the nature of the request, for it required a man with not only good judgment, but one in whom the railroad company could place implicit confidence to handle the Western Terminus of the Concord Division of the B. & M. R. R. Accordingly, Mr. Woods consented, and acted as assistant until 1891, when he was appointed Mr. Hosley's successor and general agent of the Western Terminus of the Concord Division of the B. & M. R. R. Since that time Mr. Woods has discharged his duties with a fidelity and zeal, which has been entirely satisfactory both to the company and to its patrons.

In all his connection with the railroad Mr. Woods has never lost any time, and has never had any serious accident. He has always lent a helping hand to his fellow-workers on the railroad, and when his fireman by some careless oversight left a switch open, causing a slight accident, Mr. Woods shouldered all the blame to shield his subordinate, who, on finding it out, openly declared that Mr. Woods had nothing to do with it, that it was his own fault. This is only one of many acts of sympathy and kindness that might be related of him. The name of Levi C. Woods is not only honored by all railroad men, but by all who know him to appreciate his many superior qualities. Although strict in business

and prompt with orders, he is whole-hearted and ready to forgive a fault in another and to assist him in retrieving his error.

In 1860 he married Miss Belinda D. Colby, daughter of John C. Colby of Henniker, N. H. They have one adopted daughter, Etta B., born in May, 1877. Mr. Woods first settled at West Lebanon, but when he was an engineer he found it more convenient to live at Concord, so he purchased a handsome house at Nos. 13 and 17 Chaple Street, and remodeled it throughout to suit his needs. After his appointment as superintendent he came to West Lebanon and resides on the old Barron homestead, now owned by the railroad company. His house in Concord he has divided into three suites and rents them. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and always had an active part in its management until coming to West Lebanon. He is also a member of the Franklin Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M.; and St. Andrews Chapter.

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ELMER E. EMERSON, a retired mechanic of East Lebanon, Grafton Co., N. H., was born in the above town Sept. 22, 1858, and is a son of Albro V. and Josephine B. (Kempton) Emerson, and grandson of Jonathan and Polly (Collins) Emerson. The parents of our subject's grandfather were James and Lydia (Hoyt) Emerson, and his grandfather was Stephen Emerson.

Stephen Emerson was a native of Hampstead, and came to Weare, N. H., in 1762, being among the early settlers and farmers of that place and owning large tracts of land. James Emerson, his son, followed the pursuit of agriculture, but was laid low by consumption when forty years old. His children were as follows: Jonathan, Lydia, Stephen, and James. His widow married as her second husband Aaron Pingley, and had by this second marriage one child, Polly.

When a young man Jonathan Emerson left the homestead at Weare to seek his fortune, and moved to Grantham, N. H., where he leased a farm and entered upon a successful career as a farmer, being soon by judicious management able to own a farm of his own and to lay up considerable wealth for use when an occasion might call for it. After a few years' residence in Gran-

tham he sold his farm and followed the business of milling several years at Bradford, N. H., going from there to Newbury and buying a farm. By this time he was in the possession of a comfortable fortune, and thereafter he adopted the practice of buying farms which were in a run-down condition, occupying them a few years while bringing them into shape and then selling them at an advance in value, invariably realizing a good amount of money by these speculations. His field of operations was quite extended, including New London and many other places in that vicinity; he finally came to Lebanon where he had determined to settle for good, buying a pleasant home on Mascoma Street; but very soon he received a good offer for the property, so he sold it and bought land in Newport, where he was bereaved of the cheering presence of his partner in life, who died at the age of seventy-nine. He then sold his Newport property and moved to Lebanon, dying in the above town in his eightieth year. He was a Democrat, and very liberal in his religious views. He reared a large family, all of whom grew up to maturity and were happily married. The family consisted of the following members: Hiram; Susan; Jonathan; Arvilla; James, who was distinguished as an inventor; Moses; Albro V.; Cyrus; and Lucinda and Lucina, twins.

Albro V. Emerson, the father of the subject of this brief memoir, was born in Sutton, N. H., and after finishing his education, which chanced to be quite limited, he went to Newport, N. H., and served an apprenticeship to the trade of making edge tools, to which he ever afterwards devoted all his energies. In 1856 he came to the town of Lebanon and bought the Leonard Stearns place at Scytheville, and carried on his chosen business under the firm name of A. V. Emerson & Co., which after two years was changed to Emerson & Cummings, running under that style two years, when Mr. Emerson sold his interest to his partner and accepted a position as foreman for J. Cummings & Co., manufacturers. After four years Mr. Emerson bought back the plant and operated it for one year, when the firm became Emerson & Kendall for two years, Mr. Kendall being then succeeded by M. W. Emerson, the firm being known as Emerson & Co. for three years. The Emersons then sold the plant to Cummings & Purport, who



ran it under the style of the Mascoma Edge Tool Co.

In 1871 our subject's father went to Littleton and started a like factory, and then went to Holyoke, Mass., where he was engaged with his brother in testing water wheels. In 1873 he went to Taftsville, Vt., where he organized the Emerson Edge Tool Co., running it nine years. The members of the company were A. V. Emerson, Enos Dole, and A. G. Dewey. In 1882 Mr. Emerson came to East Lebanon and ran the same business alone under the same style—the Emerson Edge Tool Co.—using the old State factory, which he remodeled and adapted to his wants. His specialties were the Emerson, Colgate, and Diamond Axes, and the Emerson Standard Scythe. He was born in 1827, and his death occurred in 1893; his wife was born in the same year as he, but died one year earlier. She was a daughter of Silas Kempton. The following children were born to our subject's parents: Mary A.; L. Isabelle; Frank V.; Helen J.; and Elmer E., the subject of this personal history. Our subject's father was a Democrat in his political antecedents, a Baptist in his religious preferences, and socially a member of Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 6.

Elmer E. Emerson finished his education in the Lebanon High School, and at seventeen years of age entered his father's factory as packing and shipping agent, in which department he remained four years. He then entered the tempering and hardening department, where he remained until 1895, when his father died, and he retired from active work. Mr. Emerson bought the Willis place, a three-story building formerly conducted as a hotel, in East Lebanon, pleasantly located on the corner of the streets and overlooking Mascoma Lake with its many changing scenic views. He has taken off the third story and made many noticeable improvements about the building and the grounds.

Mr. Emerson married Mary W. Tracy, daughter of James H. Tracy of Hartland, Vt., a farmer of that town, who has made a success of his calling through many years work and labor. Our subject has two children: Josephine B., born Dec. 24, 1883; and Charles Tracy, born Dec. 30, 1885. Mr. Emerson is a Democrat, and a member of the Helping Hand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

EDMOND EASTMAN, a highly successful and well-to-do farmer of the town of Lebanon, was born in the same town March 25, 1832. He is a son of Isaac and Hannah (Baker) Eastman, and grandson of Parson and Mittie (Sweet) Eastman, who were among the pioneer families of the town of Boscawen, N. H., and prominent members of the farming community of that town. Parsons Eastman and his wife both lived to be about eighty years old. Their children were: Edmond, George, Enoch, Isaac, and Sally.

Isaac Eastman, the youngest son, was born in Boscawen, but early in life removed to the town of Lebanon, taking up the farm, where his son Gideon now lives, and dying there at the age of ninety-two, after a prosperous career at his calling. He married Hannah, daughter of Andrew Baker; Mrs. Eastman our subject's mother passed away to those gone before at the age of seventy-five. There were born to them the following children: Gideon, Jeanette, Edmond, Mary, William, Hiram, and Hannah.

Our subject received a limited education in the district schools of Lebanon, and soon after was apprenticed to the trade of brick mason. When twenty years of age, he entered the service of the Northern R. R., now a part of the great Boston & Maine system, and by faithful attention to his duties was soon promoted to the position of conductor of a freight train. He was in the employ of this railroad a number of years, then worked for the Great Western, and still later for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. His last railroad work was performed on the Central Pacific in California, resigning from the employ of that railroad in 1870. On each road he worked several years, and gave entire satisfaction to both the public and his employers. Although his railroad experience was broad and covered quite a period of time, he escaped any serious accident or personal injury by always running on time and by exercising his best judgment in cases where any doubt existed about the orders given him. This record for a man, who was engaged in railroad work as long as he, was quite remarkable and has not often been equaled or surpassed.

After his resignation from the employ of the Central Pacific and return to the New England States he took a good rest and then took up the



business of contracting for brick masonry, the scene of his operations in this line being chiefly in Boston, Mass., and Concord, N. H. But at length, arriving at that age when country calm and retirement offer such an allurements to one who has become tired of the bustle and excitement of city life, he returned to his native county and town in New Hampshire and took up his residence in East Lebanon, following farming ever since. His farm, which is one of the finest and best-kept in the town or county, is located at the foot of Mascoma Lake, with a fine view of the lake, surrounded by its beautiful scenery of hill and forest, of East Lebanon and the Shaker Village.

Our subject married Hannah Plastringe, daughter of Dr. Caleb and Zeruah (Ticknor) Plastringe. Dr. Caleb Plastringe was a son of Caleb Plastringe, Sr., of Cornish, N. H., to whom the following children were born: John, Asa, Charles, Amesey, Hannah, Mariam, and Caleb. Dr. Plastringe served as a boy as fife major in the War of 1812; his early years were taken up in farming, an occupation he never tired of. He studied medicine under Dr. Martin of Plainfield, N. H., and when competent to practice came to East Lebanon, where he bought the Paine farm and left at his death some 300 acres to his heirs. He built up a large, successful, and lucrative practice, and his memory is held dear by many of the present generation, through the grateful remembrance their parents had of him as a skillful physician and surgeon. With his beautiful home he took great pains, dotting the lawns with maples, which to-day mark in the best possible manner his industry; he also had large fruit orchards. Two large groves of mulberry trees he set out to supply food for the 10,000 silk worms which he imported. His wife and daughter spun the silk from the cocoons, and besides knitting it into stockings, they colored and sold it in the skein; this was a very fine and delicate work, as it required from 150 to 200 little silk fibres to make one thread. Some of the stockings knit in those days and handsomely embroidered are still in the family's possession. Dr. Plastringe was active until three weeks of his death, which occurred at the age of eighty-three. His wife, who was of nearly the same age, followed him two years later. Politically, he was a Democrat; religiously, a liberal; and socially,

a member of the Masonic fraternity. His children were: Darwin, Arabelle, Don Carlos, Janette, Zeruah, Emma, Byron, Ellen, and Hannah. Byron Plastringe, the brother of Mrs. Eastman, succeeded his father on the farm, and carried on general agricultural operations until his death, making many valuable additions to the real property of the place, including the erection of a large and well-equipped barn. Since Byron Plastringe's death our subject has more than kept the farm up to its previous standard of excellence, and has proved himself a model farmer in many respects. The only children born our subject were twin daughters, born July 4, 1873; one of them died as an infant; the other, Zeruah P., lives with her parents. Mr. Eastman is a Democrat, and a liberal in religion.

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JOSEPH S. PILLSBURY, a contractor and builder of the town of Enfield, N. H., was born in the town of Grantham, Sullivan Co., N. H., Dec. 15, 1850. He is a son of Thomas J. and Charlotte C. (Eastman) Pillsbury, and a grandson of Major Moses and Hepsibeth (Greenough) Pillsbury.

Major Moses Pillsbury, who obtained his title from being a drum-major in the War of 1812, was born and lived in Springfield, N. H.; where his farm was located was afterwards set off from the town of Springfield and became a part of Grantham. He was a leading man in his town, as well as having an excellent reputation as a good farmer. He was a Democrat, and was the first selectman ever elected in the town of Grantham, and continued to serve in that capacity for many years. He was a Baptist in religious belief. He died at the age of eighty-nine, and his wife at about the same age. His children were: Martha, Ezra, Greenough, Thomas J., Lewis, Charles, Moses, Phebe, and Betsey. The six boys were all large and powerful men, and their total height was just thirty-six feet, making an average of six feet for each.

Thomas J. Pillsbury, our subject's father, was born in Corydon, N. H., and upon becoming a man bought a farm in that town, where he remained a few years. He then disposed of his property and bought a farm at Sunapee Harbor, lived a little later on in Grantham, and was still





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later a resident of Plainfield for six years, until he settled in the eastern part of the town of Enfield, where L. S. Hastings's beautiful summer home is now. Mr. Pillsbury lived there thirty-two years. He was a Democrat, and throughout his long and useful life he missed but one election, and that was caused by a fever, which was the only sickness he ever had. He served as selectman of the town of Grantham, and in some of the offices of minor importance. He was born July 8, 1802, and died May 10, 1891. By his first marriage he had the following children: Rosilla, Abbie, and Dudley. His second wife, who was born Aug. 26, 1816, was a daughter of Jeremiah and Betsey (Leverett) Eastman. Five children were the result of the second union: Addie, Clarence, Marcellus, Joseph S., Alice. Mrs. Pillsbury is still enjoying the best of health and makes her home with our subject; she is extremely active, and does not look even sixty years old. Time, that ruthless destroyer of beauty, has been very kind to her, and exceeding gentle in placing the burden of years on her brow.

Joseph S. Pillsbury spent his boyhood days almost the same as most boys who are brought up on the farm do; he assisted in the work whenever he was able and attended the neighboring district schools until he was of age, when he engaged in the carpenter's business. After a while he began contracting, and has been engaged in contracting, building, and in farming ever since. He was given the home farm and made many improvements, which suggested themselves to his practical eye; after his father's death, in 1891, he sold the homestead and bought at North End the Lowe estate, consisting of a small farm. In connection with his general contracting business, which nets him a good income, he has dealt considerably in farming tools.

June 23, 1875, he married Miss Ella J. Burnham, daughter of Mark P. and Ruhama (Stevens) Burnham, and grand-daughter of Jeremiah K. and Polly (Pettingill) Burnham. The two latter were among the early settlers of the town and members of its respected farming community; the husband died at the age of thirty-three, and the wife at the age of seventy. Their children were: Mark P., Mehitabel, Henry, and Mary. Mark P. Burnham was born in Enfield, Aug. 25, 1820, and after an active life at farming and con-

tracting, is tasting the delights of a retired life on his small farm at Lock Haven, town of Enfield. His wife, Ruhama Stevens, died in 1867, aged forty-four years, leaving two children: Ella J., born Sept. 15, 1851, now Mrs. Joseph S. Pillsbury; and Mary A., who was born Sept. 26, 1857. Mr. Burnham's second wife was Betsey A. Johnson, and his third helpmate was Mrs. Dolly C. Gove. Our subject has one child, Lora M., born July 8, 1876, a teacher in the school. Mr. Pillsbury is a Democrat, and served as selectman in 1878-79-80. Socially, he is a member of the Social Lodge, No. 50, F. & A. M.

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HARRISON B. MARDEN, deceased, an old and highly respected citizen of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of Israel Marden, and grandson of George Marden. George Marden was a farmer. He came from Rye to Allenstown, N. H., where he died in middle age. He married Sarah Dowst. Five children blessed this union: Betsey (Brown), Sally (Brackett), Israel, John, and Jonathan.

Israel Marden was born in Rye, N. H., and went to Allenstown with his parents and lived and died on the farm that he inherited. He married Rachel, daughter of George Ham of Pembroke, N. H. She died at the age of eighty-three; her husband preceded her by a number of years, relinquishing his hold on life when he was sixty-five years old. They reared a family of seven children: Harrison B., the subject of this sketch; William D., Israel G., John, James C., Sally N. (Kenison), and Betsey (Batchelder). They were attendants of the Christian Church. Israel Marden was a strong Democrat, and took much interest in town affairs. He served as selectman and in other public offices. He was elected twice as the representative from the town to the State Legislature.

Harrison B. Marden, the subject of this sketch, was born in Allenstown, N. H., Aug. 9, 1820. He received his education in the town of his boyhood years. At the age of fifteen he started to work in a stable, and in 1839 he was given the task of driving the stage between Dover and Concord, later from Concord to Plymouth. When the railroad was completed to Plymouth Mr. Marden drove between the rail-

road and towns not yet reached by it, thus bringing them in touch with the railroad system. When the road reached the Fabian House he discontinued staging in that section, transferring his base of operations to the Pemigewasset Valley, where he staged for the ensuing thirty-four years. Since then he was not engaged in any active business. He made Plymouth his home for thirty-five years.

Mr. Marden married, in 1847, Dollie Annette, daughter of Winthrop and Nancy (Hains) Gove of Wentworth, N. H. They have reared one child named Charles Henry, who married Annie B., daughter of Charles H. Fansworth and his wife, Ann Eliza Cushing Webster, of Lowell, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Marden have a family of three children: Paul F., Pauline, and Phyllis. Charles H. Marden is engaged in the hotel business.

Mr. Harrison B. Marden was a man well known throughout the county and was one of the few men who was familiar with the old stage routes, that were once the lines of travel through the State of New Hampshire. Mr. Marden was a member of the Universalist Church. In politics he was a firm Democrat. He died at his home, Nov. 3, 1896, after a severe illness of several months' duration. We are pleased to be able to present Mr. Marden's portrait in connection with this sketch.

LORENZO D. DUNBAR, a retired merchant and highly esteemed citizen of the town of Enfield, was born in Grantham, N. H., Feb. 5, 1833. He is a son of Ancel and Betsey (Nichols) Dunbar, and grandson of John Dunbar, who came from Bridgewater, Mass., to Grantham, N. H., where he bought 640 acres of new land, covered in the most part with timber. He set to work with great energy and vim to fell the trees, and succeeded in clearing the greater portion of it. At first he built a small house for temporary use, and when his work was crowned with success, and he became endowed with a goodly share of the desirable things of this world, he built a more commodious and comfortable one. He gave each of his six sons a farm and assisted them in building their farm buildings and in getting their property into first-class

shape. He lived to a good old age, leaving a memory behind him that was much cherished by his children. The following children were born to him: Ancel, Azel, Apollos, John, Calvin, Keziah, Susan, Lucy, and Polly.

Ancel Dunbar was born in Bridgewater, Mass., and received a farm from his father, on which he erected a substantial set of buildings. He had in his early days learned to make nails, and so made by hand all the nails that were used in the construction of the barns and house. The farm, with all the appurtenances, is now owned by C. Walker, and the excellence of its arrangements is unsurpassed by that of any other farm in its vicinity. The homestead of Ancel's father is owned by Attorney-General Eastman; it is known as Dunbar Hill, and as a summer residence is a charming place. When Ancel Dunbar sold his farm he moved to Ludlow, Vt., where he bought a farm and lived a few years, and then returned to the town of Grantham, where, having passed the age of eighty years, he breathed his last, surrounded by children and grandchildren. His first wife was Miss McKinstry, who died in middle age, leaving the following children: Ancel, Jr., Dolly, Frederick, Anna, Samuel, Metcalf, Cynthia, William, and Austin. His second marriage was with our subject's mother, Betsey, daughter of Jonathan Nichols; she died at the age of fifty-four of pneumonia. The children by this marriage were: Lorenzo D.; Mehitabel, who died at the age of thirteen; Ancel, who was called home when five years old; and George W., who lives in Grantham, N. H. Our subject's father was a volunteer of the War of 1812, a Whig and Free-Soiler in politics, and a member of the M. E. Church.

Lorenzo D. Dunbar attended the district school and Meriden Academy, and accepted at the age of seventeen the position of teacher in a district school where the former preceptor had had trouble and did not finish the term. Our subject took hold of the school with his customary energy, and, in addition to finishing the term to the entire satisfaction of trustees and scholars, continued for three terms to wield the rod and to impart instruction to sixty-four scholars. Upon leaving the school he clerked six years in Horace Ford's general store at Grantham, and when the store changed hands and became the property of Dodge & Hall, he remained with the



new firm six more years. He then bought the interest of Mr. Dodge, and with Mr. Hall, under the firm name of Hall & Dunbar, ran the store for six years, after which he became sole proprietor and conducted the establishment until 1887, doing a large and lucrative business which forced him to enlarge the store to meet the requirements of his ever-increasing trade. He also owned a small farm, and devoted some of his time to the management of that. Mr. Dunbar served as postmaster from 1866 to 1885, with the exception of one year, and was assistant postmaster before 1866. He was a member of the school committee three years, and represented the town in the Legislature in 1874 and 1875; he was also selectman from 1878 to 1886, a period of eight years.

In 1886 Mr. Dunbar removed to the town of Enfield and built the home where he now resides, a fine residence on Pleasant Street. He owns a number of tenements. His efforts in accumulating a fortune during the years of his business activity were very successful, and he has always had money to loan on good security. He is a stockholder in the Dodge, Davis & Co. Wool Factory. He was one of the district commissioners to build the walks through the village of Enfield, there being over two miles in the aggregate, and was one to advance the funds for the same. He has been town auditor for five years, and has settled many estates, such is the confidence reposed in his business ability and strict integrity. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

March 9, 1859, Mr. Dunbar married Miss Ellen Huse, daughter of John and Lucinda (Davis) Huse, and granddaughter of William Huse, the son of James Huse who served in the Revolution and in 1794 settled in the town of Enfield on Shaker Hill. John Huse was born Feb. 23, 1810, and died Oct. 11, 1862; he was interested in the milling industry, and was later on a farmer. He served in the late war in Co. B., 6th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., and while a member of that company in Washington, D. C., died of heart disease. His wife was born Jan. 24, 1813, and died Oct. 20, 1882. Their children numbered two: Ellen, born Jan. 23, 1835; and Edwin E., born Dec. 26, 1838. Mr. Dunbar is a liberal supporter of the Congregational Church, to which he is greatly attached.

LEWIS COGSWELL, a retired engineer of the Concord Division of the Boston & Maine R. R., and now a citizen of Enfield, N. H., was born Aug. 8, 1833, in the same town of which he is an honored resident. He is a son of Joseph and Laura (Clifford) Cogswell, grandson of Joseph, Sr., and Hannah (Burnham) Cogswell, and great-grandson of Samuel and Elizabeth Cogswell.

Samuel Cogswell was aged ninety-three years when he died in 1834; his wife passed away in 1814, at the age of seventy. Those of their children, who grew to maturity were: Jones, Samuel, Joseph, and Lucy.

Our subject's grandfather was born in Essex Co., Mass., Jan. 8, 1765, and followed the occupation of a farmer in his early days; when he came to New Hampshire he settled in the northeastern part of the town of Enfield, where he bought 100 acres, on which was a small log-house in a small clearing. Outside of such small improvements as we have mentioned the farm was, to all purposes, untouched by the ruthless hand of civilization. Joseph set to work with a will and energy that were unconquerable, and in a comparatively brief space of time had cleared and put the farm into shape, and built the necessary farm buildings. On this farm he died Jan. 19, 1847. He was twice married. His first wife, Hannah Burnham, born Nov. 25, 1770, died Feb. 12, 1811, at the age of forty-one. She was a descendant of the Thomas Burnham who emigrated to America in 1635 in the ship *Angel Gabriel* and settled at Cape Ann. The children born to our subject's grandfather by his first marriage are as follows: Sally, born Dec. 26, 1791; Betsey, May 26, 1793; Lucy, Dec. 29, 1795; Joseph, April 13, 1798; James, Nov. 12, 1800; Hannah, Oct. 29, 1802; and Lois, June 9, 1805. By his second marriage, with Hannah Johnson, there was no issue.

Joseph Cogswell, Jr., father of Lewis, was born in the town of Enfield, and with his brother James bought the homestead, where he lived a calm peaceful life until his death, Feb. 3, 1866; he was a Democrat and an attendant of the Congregational Church. His wife, who was the daughter of Isaac Clifford of Wentworth, Grafton Co., N. H., died March 1, 1895, aged ninety-three years, one month, and nine days; she was a Universalist. Their children were: Maria,



born Nov. 6, 1829; Lewis, Aug. 8, 1833; Adaline, Oct. 13, 1835; Milo, June 6, 1839; and Chester, June 18, 1844.

Lewis Cogswell attended the district school and assisted his father and worked out until he had attained the years of his majority, when he tried farming for a short time, but soon relinquished it to engage in sawing wood for the Northern R. R., in which work he was employed two years. He then entered the railroad shops at West Lebanon, where he was made use of in various departments for some four years, when he began firing. Being naturally very careful and reliable, he soon proved himself capable and thoroughly competent to occupy a more advanced position, and he was accordingly given charge of an engine. After two years as engineer on the old Northern R. R. he ran an engine on the Jersey Central for four years, and then returned to the old Northern, and ran an engine from Concord to White River Junction until 1887, when his health compelled him to resign his position and take up less trying work. It is worthy of note that in this long period of his connection with railroad life, he never had an accident of a serious or fatal consequence, and never received more than a trifling injury. Upon his retirement from the railroad he bought a small farm in Enfield; he never returned to his seat in the cab, for rheumatism had taken hold of him, and he thought it would be better to engage in farm work during his declining years. His original farm being not large enough to suit him, he sold it, and bought the Alfred Huse estate in the village of Enfield, and the old Currier farm, and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits, retiring as much from active business life as his disposition will permit. From the Currier farm, a title to which he secured, he has sold quite a number of building lots; the remainder he cares for.

Mr. Cogswell married Miss Melinda J. Currier, daughter of William and Betsey (Jones) Currier. William Currier, a son of Richard and Betsey (Huse) Currier, was born in Enfield, May 2, 1802. Richard settled in Enfield, in 1794, and became an extensive land-owner, and reared a large family. His son William settled on the farm now owned by our subject, and followed the pursuit of agriculture. He was also a stonemason, making a specialty of constructing heavy

work, such as abutments and piers for bridges. He lived to the age of seventy-five. His first wife, the mother of our subject's wife, died young, leaving two children: Melinda and Betsey. Mr. Currier married as his second wife Tirzah Alexander, and had two children: George W. and Lewis D. Our subject's union has never been blessed with children. He is a Democrat, and has served the town of Enfield four years as supervisor. He is a Universalist in his religious attachments, and a member of the Franklin Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M., of Lebanon, N. H.

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HON. JOHN K. BUTMAN, one of the largest general traders and merchants of Grafton Co., is located at Butmanville, town of Lebanon; he was born in Vershire, Vt., Dec. 3, 1826. He was a son of Paul and Mary (Kenney) Butman, and grandson of Thomas and Ann (Hunt) Butman. Our subject's grandfather served in the Revolutionary War, and in an engagement at Fort Constitution had his leg broken, for which he received a pension; he settled at Kingston, N. H., where he followed farming a few years. Then he moved to Enfield, N. H., bought a saw-mill and farm and went into business until his death in 1843, aged eighty-four years; his wife followed him five years later, aged seventy-seven; she was a very strong woman, and it is said she could lift more pounds than the ordinary man; their children were also strong, and most of them lived to a good old age, many passing seventy years. The names of their children are as follows: Amos, born May 28, 1787; John W., May 7, 1789; Mariam, Nov. 24, 1791; Nancy, Dec. 13, 1793; Stephen, Oct. 12, 1796; Mary P., March 10, 1799; Paul Q., May 21, 1801; Stephen, July 16, 1803; Thomas, July 29, 1805; and Cynthia, Sept. 2, 1807.

Paul Butman, our subject's father, was born in Kingston, N. H. In his early days he commenced in the grist-milling business. In this business he became very proficient and followed it for some years, working in the Post mills, Thetford, Vt.; Claremont, N. H.; West Lebanon, N. H.; Vershire, Vt.; Washington, Vt.; Chelsea, Vt.; Corinth, Vt.; and White River Village, Vt. His last work was done in running the grist-mill

at Canaan, N. H. He then retired, and died at the age of seventy-five. His wife preceded him to the blessed home-land at the age of forty-five. Their children were: Franklin S., died Aug. 14, 1896; John K.; Laura A.; Harriet, who died at the age of two; James was also not permitted to reach maturity; Henry Dexter; Mary Etta, died Aug. 21, 1896; Charles H., who died young; Charles M. Butman; and Ella. John K., our subject, had very few chances for an education, attending the district school when he could and improving his time with home study to the best possible advantage. May 1, 1845, he went from Hartford, Vt., to West Lebanon, N. H., to make a start in life, and arrived in the village with only twenty-five cents in his pocket, which he had found on the way. In West Lebanon, N. H., he found employment in the grist-mill, which was owned by William Osgood, and proved himself a capable and worthy workman; he remained in the service of his employer ten years, and by good habits and excellent work he contrived to save nearly all his earnings, in this manner accumulating enough to buy, in 1871, the grist-mill owned by William Osgood, and did a large custom work and flouring in company with others; he owned a saw-mill also, and carried on a large lumber business.

In 1872 he built a large house near by, and in the following year, on the same lot, he built a store, having sold out his mill property. From that time on he devoted his entire time and attention to his store, and greatly increased his business until to-day he is doing a good thriving business. On the first floor is a general store, the basement being well stocked with provisions; the second floor is devoted to gents' furnishings, ready-made clothing, crockery, glass and tinware, etc. On the same lot he has also erected a warehouse, where he deals in grain, grass seed, feed, and hay; all these products being bought by the carload and kept in large quantities on hand in order to meet the village and country needs; he not only carries a good stock in all lines of his goods, but the quality is also shown to be of the best by the large patronage he derives from the vicinity.

He has been twice married; first, to Mrs. Martha P. Smith; she died at the age of twenty-nine, leaving one son, Richard P., who has from an early age assisted his father in the store and

in his other lines of business. Mr. Butman married as his second wife Ellen M. Colby, daughter of William D. and Sabrina (Smith) Colby of Plainfield, N. H.; by this second marriage he had one child, Mary, who married G. A. Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have one child, Paul G. Our subject was a supporter of the Whig party, and later became a Republican; he served as selectman four years, was representative in 1885, auditor a number of years, besides holding several minor offices of the town. He has been a member of Mascoma Lodge, I. O. O. F., since 1849, and is also a member of the Hanover Canton and Morning Star Encampment, No. 12, of Lebanon. Both he and his highly respected and esteemed wife are among the first workers and supporters of the Congregational Church. Since Mr. Butman started his store that part of the town in which he is located has increased in population so as to form a small settlement which is known as Butmanville.

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FRANK T. CURRIER, the subject of this memoir, is Postmaster and leading merchant of the village of Enfield Center, and a descendant of one of the first families to settle in this town. He was born in Enfield, N. H., Sept. 6, 1857, and is a son of Lorenzo and Elsie R. (Smith) Currier, grandson of Nathan and Rachel (Webster) Currier, and a great-grandson of Daniel and Sarah (French) Currier. The Currier line runs back from Nathan Currier through the following generations to the founder of the American branch, Richard Currier: Nathan and Mariam Currier; Richard and Sarah (Merrill) Currier; Richard, Sr., and Dorothy (Barnard) Currier; Thomas and Mary (Osgood) Currier; Richard, the first of the Curriers to come to America, who was a son of James Currier.

Richard Currier was born in 1617 in Strawberry Bank, near Glasgow, Scotland; in 1640 he came from his native land to America, and settled in Salisbury, Mass. By his first marriage with Ann ————— he had several children. He married as his second wife Joanna Rowell, widow of William Sargent; this union was blessed with two children: Hannah and Thomas.



Thomas Currier and his wife, Mary Osgood, had twelve children, namely: Hannah, Thomas, Richard, Samuel, William, John, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, Daniel, Mary, and Ann.

Richard Currier, Sr., was born April 12, 1673, in Amesbury, Mass., and married Dorothy Barnard; their union resulted in the birth of eleven children: David, Jonathan, Hannah, John, Dorothy, Richard, Mariam, Aaron, Bemis, Mary, and Moses.

Richard Currier, Jr., was born Feb. 12, 1708, in Amesbury, Mass.; his wife bore him twelve children, six being born at Amesbury and six at South Hampton, N. H.; their names were: Sarah, Richard, Judith, Nathan, Hannah, Richard, James, Hannah, Ruth, Barnard, John, and Richard.

Nathan Currier, the next in the direct line of descent, was born Sept. 16, 1737, and had five children by his wife, Mariam: Sarah, Daniel, Nathan, Ezekiel, and Mariam.

Daniel Currier, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born March, 1765, married Sarah French.

Nathan Currier, Frank T. Currier's grandfather, was born in Enfield, Nov. 2, 1798; early in life he learned the blacksmith's trade and worked in a shop near his father's home on Shaker Hill, where the old Currier homestead is now. In later life he devoted more of his time to farming and less to his trade; he died Jan. 30, 1864. In the War of 1812 he served as a private. His first wife, the grandmother of our subject, was born Jan. 1, 1799, and died Oct. 3, 1838; their children were: Christina, born Dec. 12, 1821; Lorenzo, March 14, 1824; Sarah, Feb. 14, 1827; Thomas, Oct. 31, 1828; and J. Byron, Oct. 15, 1834. Adaline Fogg, Mr. Currier's second wife, was born March 29, 1812, and is living at this date, having borne her husband two children: Frances, born Nov. 29, 1839; and Samuel, born May 17, 1843.

Lorenzo Currier devoted much of his early life to working in the saw-mill; after his marriage he bought a farm on East Hill, where he carried on farming until 1882, when he sold it and bought a smaller farm at Enfield Center, where he has resided since. He has always enjoyed the best of health till within the past few years, when his age has begun to tell on him, and confine him more and more to the arm-chair and the fire-

side. He has been a sturdy, hard-working man, and generally successful, owning considerable real estate to-day. He is a life-long Democrat, and a Universalist in religious matters. He married Elsie R. Smith, daughter of Israel Smith of the town of Grafton. She was born Nov. 17, 1828, and is all that could be desired as a helpmate, a mother, and a friend. Three children have been born to them, of whom our subject only is living. The record is as follows: M. Addie, born June 10, 1852, died April 2, 1867; Frank T.; and Georgie C., born Feb. 5, 1864, and died Sept. 8, 1864.

Frank T. Currier, after attending the district schools, and finishing the course of studies there laid down, entered Bryant & Stratton's Business College of Boston, where he graduated in June, 1875. Returning to the farm, he assisted his father five years until 1880, when he bought the vacant store, then a part of the Mark Permort estate, and stocked it with a general line of merchandise. This structure was burnt down in September, 1889, and very little of the stock was saved. Mr. Currier had built up a large trade that relied on him for their supplies, so after the fire he supplied his customers as best he could from his store in a rented room until November, when he got his new store into such a condition that he could move into it and transact business. It is the best-equipped store in the town, 54 feet long by 24 wide, with an L 42 feet by 34 in the rear; the second floor is fitted up into a fine suite of rooms; the building is heated throughout with steam, and all the rooms are supplied with hot and cold water. Besides using his own very good basement, he is obliged by the magnitude of his business to rent the basement of the church, where he carries on hand a large stock of flour and provisions, besides a surplus of general mercantile articles. He also does a large fire insurance business, and has been justice of the peace since 1880. He is a Democrat in politics. Socially, he is a member of the Social Lodge, F. & A. M.

Sept. 11, 1883, he was united in marriage with Miss Ella J. Jones, a daughter of Emory Jones of Williamstown, Vt. She died March 18, 1892, leaving one child, Myrl, born Feb. 16, 1892. Mr. Currier married again, March 21, 1893, his present helpmate, Carrie E. Morse; they have one child, Paul Lang, born April 17, 1896.







ALEXANDER WARDEN.

ALEXANDER WARDEN, a retired merchant and at present a farmer of Monroe, is the son of David and Christian (Backop) Warden, and grandson of Andrew Warden, a native of Scotland. Soon after our subject's grandfather became united in marriage with Miss Harvey he came to this country and settled in Ryegate, Vt. There he built a large tavern of brick and ran it in connection with a small farm to the day of his death. He was actively interested in the welfare of the town, and took a prominent part in all its affairs. He was very much attached to the State militia, and held a commission as major in that organization. He also served in the War of 1812. The children born to him and his excellent wife were as follows: William, David, Harvey, Isabella, and Margaret. Both father and mother had passed seventy years at the time of their death.

David Warden, the second son, was born in Ryegate, Vt., and whiled away many happy hours of his youth in that place; after completing his somewhat limited education he ventured into the mercantile business, following it for several years. He then bought a farm in Bath, N. H., and was an agriculturist for the rest of his days. He married Christian, daughter of John Backop of Barnet, Vt. The father of our subject died at the age of fifty-eight, and his wife at the age of fifty-two. They were Presbyterians in religious belief. Mr. Warden was a Republican. Eleven children were gathered about the fireside; they were: John B., Andrew, Alexander, Mary J. (Nelson), Julia (Smith), Christie Ann (Sherburne), David, Jr., William H., Oscar, Carlos, and James.

Alexander Warden was born in Bath, March 30, 1834, and received his primary education in the schools of his native town; McIndoe and Newbury academies were the scenes of his further labors in the search for an education. In 1858, after having taught three seasons in a school, he went to California, where he spent three years, mostly engaged in the business of supplying water for the city of San Francisco. Upon his return to Bath he made it his home for five years, going from there to Monroe, where he has lived since. In 1876, when he first came to Monroe, he was engaged in the butcher business; he finally went into the mercantile business with

Mr. I. F. Page and continued in the same until 1892, when he sold his interest to his partner. Mr. Warden has the personal oversight of three farms, and since 1892 he has devoted his time to looking after his valuable agricultural interests. During the late war Mr. Warden was a recruiting officer for the State of New Hampshire and recruited many men for the army, and has been a justice of the peace for the past thirty years. He has been a great traveler, and has seen much of the most interesting spots in the United States. He has made six trips from New Hampshire to the Pacific Coast, returning each time by different routes and visiting on the way all the largest cities and stopping at various points of special interest, such as gold, silver, copper, and coal mines. He has crossed the Cascade, Rockies, Sierra Nevada, Sysene, and Colorado Mountains, and has gone to an elevation of fourteen thousand one hundred and forty-seven feet above sea level. While engaged in making the journeys referred to above Mr. Warden has traveled by rail and water over thirty-two thousand miles, or much more than enough to girdle the earth.

He was married, in 1864, to Lucy A., daughter of Oliver Flint of Bath. She died in 1890 at the age of forty-six, leaving one son, Oliver S., who is associated with the "Leader" and "Tribune" at Great Falls, Montana. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College, in the Class of 1889. He married Etta E., daughter of Dr. Scott of Lawrence, Mass.; they have one child, Alexander Warden, Jr. In 1892 our subject married as his second wife Susie J., daughter of Ransom Fairbanks of New York State. Two children have blessed this marriage: Henry F. and Hazel A. Mr. Warden is a Republican. During the war he was selectman of Bath for four years. He was elected as county commissioner in 1863 and served one term of three years. He served as selectman of Monroe seven years, and superintendent of schools one year, and represented his town in the Legislature three terms. He has also been deputy sheriff of Grafton Co. for eight years. He is a member of Kane Lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M.

Among the prominent and representative citizens of the county, whose portraits we present in this book, we take pleasure in giving that of Mr. Warden.



T. DWIGHT SIMMONS, formerly a member of the firm of Simmons & Freeman, a grocery and crockery house of Lebanon, N. H., and one of the largest of its kind in the county, was born in the town of Hanover, this county, April 18, 1842; his parents were Lewis and Lucinda (Goodrich) Simmons, and his grandparents were John and Susan (Hughes) Simmons.

The grandfather of our subject came to this State from Connecticut when a young man, and met and married his life partner in this county. He purchased a lot in the town of Lyme, of the best farming land, practically new and unimproved. He cleared the farm and was nicely started in life, when his days were ended by an attack of fever, and he died at about the age of forty. He left to the care of his good wife, who survived him, the education of a large family of children; this sacred trust she nobly acquitted herself with, and lived to the age of ninety years to receive the blessings of her sons and daughters who had grown up to manhood and womanhood. Among those of her children who grew up to maturity are the following: John, a successful tiller of the soil; George A., who worked his way through college unassisted, graduating from Dartmouth College and settling in Keysville, N. Y., where he became a noted lawyer, and was elected to Congress; when he died a large monument was erected to his memory. He never married. The remainder of the family, who grew up were: Lewis, our subject's father; Susan; Abigail; Amy; Mrs. Sawyer; and Mrs. Richardson. The others departed this life during their youth. John Simmons, our subject's grandfather, lived in Lyme; at the time of his death, there being no wagon in the town, his remains were carried by four men to Lyme Plains, where his interment took place; many of the women, who attended the obsequies, rode on horseback.

Lewis Simmons was born in the town of Lyme, and after arriving at the age of manhood bought a farm in Lyme, where he started keeping house and made it his home for a few years, when he transferred his residence to Canaan, and resided in that town for two years. He then purchased a farm in Lyme, and lived there for twelve years, selling at the end of that period and moving to Hanover, where he bought a farm and spent most of the last thirty-six years of his

life engaged in the cultivation of his farm; the last few years of his life, however, were passed with his children in Lebanon. He started in the struggle of life with no capital, but by hard work and a frugal mode of living he was able to accumulate a comfortable competency, dying at the age of eighty-seven, in 1883. In politics he was a Whig and later a Republican, but never a seeker after office. He served in the State militia as orderly, and later on commissioned lieutenant. His wife, who was seven years his junior, departed this life in 1890, at the age of eighty-seven. She was a daughter of David Goodrich, and a grand-niece of Daniel Webster on her mother's side. David Goodrich was born in Orange, Vt., and was a resident for a time of Hanover, N. H., giving 100 acres of land to Dartmouth College, when he left for Smithfield, N. Y. His last residence was in Manlius, New York State, where he settled among the Indians, who were very friendly to him and his family; he became a very prominent man in that new country, and was successful in his struggle for a good living. The children born to our subject's parents were as follows: Newton, David, Laura, Annette, Mirinda, Charles, Frank, T. Dwight, Carlos, and Fred. Of all the family only T. Dwight and his brother Frank are living to-day.

Our subject pursued his education in the schools of Hanover and in Meriden Academy until his eyes began to fail him because of overwork; he was then obliged to refrain from further study, and accordingly entered Maj. I. O. Dewey's dry goods store at Hanover, where he clerked for two years; at the end of that time, in company with N. S. Huntington, he bought the store and carried on the business some two years under the firm name of Huntington & Simmons, both members of the firm selling their interests and retiring from business in Hanover. Shortly after this our subject formed a partnership with D. P. Quimby, under the firm name of Quimby & Simmons, and engaged in the dry goods and grocery business in Newport, N. H., for three years, at the expiration of which time Mr. Simmons sold out and removed to Lebanon in 1872. Upon his arrival in the last-named place he bought the boot and shoe store of B. T. Tilden, selling at the end of five years a successful trade to G. S. Joslin, who is the present proprietor. Then after assisting his brother, Frank

L. Simmons, in his grocery business for one year he bought a one-half interest, and the firm of Simmons Bros. continued until 1894, when his brother sold his interest to Mr. Freeman, with whom our subject has since been associated in business under the style of Simmons & Freeman; they possess a very fine trade in all lines of groceries and crockery.

Mr. Simmons married Collina Frances, daughter of Deacon Daniel and Harmony (Downer) Bridgman, who were among the prominent agriculturists of Hanover. The sister of Mrs. Simmons was Laura Dewey Bridgman, who was the first deaf and blind mute to be educated, and her life is familiar to many, by reason of the education she received and afterwards imparted to other unfortunates of her class. Mr. Simmons has two children: Blanche Frances, born April 19, 1875; and Marion Goodrich, born Sept. 2, 1878. Mr. Simmons is a liberal supporter of the Congregational Church, and may be found among its regular worshippers. He is a firm Republican in his political views. He is a member of the Franklin Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M.; St. Andrews Chapter, No. 1; and Mt. Horeb Commandery of Concord, N. H. Our subject is also associated with the A. O. U. W.

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FRED W. JONES, a farmer of Enfield, and a descendant of one of the very early settlers of the town, was born in the house he now occupies, Aug. 15, 1864. He is a son of Harvey B. and Ruth K. (Cole) Jones, grandson of Jonathan and Margaret K. (Sawyer) Jones, and great-grandson of Moses and Mariam (Currier) Jones.

Moses Jones, who for many years was a deacon in the Free Will Baptist Church, was born in Amesbury, Mass., May 21, 1737. He was one of the Colonial soldiers in the French and Indian War, and was taken prisoner and held captive in Canada for many years, being guarded by the Indians. By obtaining the confidence and goodwill of his captors he gained considerable freedom of movement, and so one day, when out hunting, he started through the forest in an attempt to reach an American settlement, and from there to arrive at his home. When almost exhausted by fatigue and ready to give up he came

to the log-house of a Canadian settler, who, taking pity on his distress, gave him food and kept him hid from his pursuers. By a rare chance he was so fortunate as to sight an English vessel, which in response to his signals took him on board and kept him there until the excitement attendant upon his escape had subsided. He then recommenced his journey home, and when he presented himself before his family was not at first recognized by them, for they had supposed him dead for years. He settled at first in his native town of Amesbury, Mass., but later went to Hopkinton, N. H., where he lost his first wife, Mary Fitts; she bore him the following children: Richard, Mehitabel, Sally, Isaac, Moses, and Mary. After her death he married again, and with Ezekiel Stephen came to Enfield, N. H., and bought a large tract of land where the Shaker Village is now located, in 1792, but soon after traded the farm with the Shakers for the farm where his descendant, F. W. Jones, the subject of this sketch, now resides; the house, with few alterations, is as the Shakers built it; the location of the farm has ever since been known as Jones Hill. Moses Jones lived to be eighty-eight years old, dying Dec. 26, 1824. His second wife, Mariam Currier, the great-grandmother of the subject of this sketch, was born in South Hampton in 1747, and died in 1823; the issue of this second marriage were the children named below: Dorothy, Mariam, Hannah, Rhoda, Nancy, Jonathan, Lucy, and John.

Capt. Jonathan Jones was born in Hopkinton, N. H., Jan. 1, 1778; he settled in Enfield with his parents, and owned the farm which his father traded with the Shakers, in 1792, and lived there all of his days, being not only a thrifty farmer, but a very generous, kind-hearted neighbor, a loving husband, and a tender parent. He died at the age of sixty-seven, Aug. 18, 1845. He was a Democrat in the matter of political allegiance, and liberal in his religious views. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and served as a captain of the State militia. His wife, a daughter of Jonathan Sawyer, was born July 20, 1785, and died Jan. 13, 1862. This is a record of their children: Polly C., born Feb. 24, 1803; Betsey M., Aug. 27, 1806; Rebecca, Sept. 20, 1808; Alvira, June 29, 1811; Moses W., April 8, 1813; Alvira, July 11, 1815; Mariam P., Sept. 16, 1817; Melinda and Matilda, twins, Nov. 24, 1820;



Harvey B., April 12, 1823; Horace M., Sept. 4, 1825; James Frank, March 19, 1830; and Margaret F., Dec. 22, 1832.

Harvey B. Jones, our subject's father, was born in the house where he lives, and always stayed with his parents. With his brother, Horace, he took care of the homestead and bought 150 acres more of land, on which they have made many permanent improvements, that have greatly augmented the market value of the property. They have not only been progressive and energetic men, but have enjoyed the highest esteem of a large circle of acquaintances. Each year they receive many a friend, who delights to visit them in their hospitable home, which is located on a rise of land called Jones Hill, commanding one of the finest views in this section, overlooking the valley, Mascoma Lake, and the village of Enfield. Horace M. Jones married Julia M. Gates, daughter of Thomas J. Gates. Our subject's father married Ruth K. Cole, daughter of Nathaniel W. Cole of Newbury Point, Mass., and has one child, Fred W., the subject of this sketch. Harvey B. Jones is a Republican, and a member of the Grange, and of the M. E. Church. His wife is a Congregationalist.

Fred W. Jones was born in the old Shaker house where he lives, and has always remained at home, being the only child. For a number of years past he has carried on the farm for his father and uncle. He married Ella M. Duncklee, and has two children: Ernest B., born July 28, 1890; and Harold C., born June 27, 1894. He identifies himself with the best interests of the town by his hearty co-operation in any public work that has good for its end. He is a member of Mascoma Grange, No. 68, and present Master.

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MAJOR STEPHEN R. SWETT of Canaan, N. H., probably the most active and best-preserved man in this county of his age, was born in Salisbury, N. H., June 18, 1819, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Evans) Swett, and grandson of John B. and Mary (Hoyt) Swett.

The Swett family spring from three of the early settlers of America; in early Colonial times, when only the seaboard was populated, John,

Timothy, and Darling came from England and took up homes in as many different colonies, one going to Massachusetts, another to New Hampshire, and the third to Maine. Our subject is descended from John Swett, who took up his residence in Massachusetts, in which State, at Kingston, our subject's grandfather, John, was born. When John became able to care for himself and the home appeared too crowded, he came to New Hampshire, and settled in Salisbury, being an early pioneer and farmer of that locality. He served under General Prescott in the Revolution, and lived to be seventy years old. His wife died at the age of eighty. Their union was blessed with these children, namely: Timothy, Stephen, John, Elizabeth, and Mary.

Our subject's father was born in Kingston, and inherited the homestead in Salisbury, but lived later in Andover, and finally made his home in Wilmot, where he died, having passed the age of ninety; he followed the pursuits of agriculture, and was extremely active up to the very last. He was a very patriotic man, and upon the outbreak of the War of 1812 at once offered his services, and served through it, but was never wounded. His wife did not live as long as he did, but preceded him to the better land. She was a daughter of Wiggins Evans, who fought in the Revolution, and was twice taken prisoner and transported to England; each time he managed to return, and was at the front with the Continental Army when the last battle was fought. The following children were born to our subject's parents: John, Eliza, Peter, Mary, Lorinda, Stephen R., and Marietta.

Stephen R. Swett removed with his parents to Andover, and was educated in its district schools and in Franklin Academy; much against his parents' wishes and earnest desire, he left home to learn the trade of cloth-dressing, but not liking that well enough to follow it as a life-work, he went to Western New York and taught school, after taking an extended trip down the Mississippi, the "Father of Waters." Then after spending one year in the United States service surveying in the State of Wisconsin, he returned to New Hampshire to Wilmot, where he busied himself some twelve years in the manufacture of shoes, and then lived in Andover Center two years, up to the breaking out of the war. In 1861 he entered the service of the United States



as captain, and raised the first cavalry company ever raised in the State, and as captain of Co. I., with his own and four other companies, went to Rhode Island, where they joined eight others, called the New England Cavalry, and formed the 1st Reg. R. I. Vol. Cav. In 1862 he was promoted to the rank of major, and was honorably discharged in 1864 on account of wounds received in the left leg at the Battle of Kelley's Ford.

The war being ended, as far as it concerned him at least, he returned to New Hampshire, and having some property in the town of Canaan he at once took up his residence there. He has been one of the most successful of auctioneers, is a surveyor, conveyancer of land, and has had many estates placed in his hands for settlement. In town affairs he has taken a very active part, and held many important offices, such as deputy sheriff for ten years, superintendent of schools for eight years, overseer of the poor, and representative to the State Legislature in 1885. He took the census in Canaan in 1870-80-90. He resides on Mechanic Street, where he bought a home, which it has been a pleasure for him to ornament and fit up in the most attractive and pleasing manner; he superintends the cultivation of a large farm of 900 acres.

Major Swett has been a Mason since 1850, when he was raised in King Solomon's Lodge of Wilmot, and is now a member of Social Lodge, F. & A. M., of Enfield; and Trinity Chapter, R. A. M., of Concord; and has served as Master of the former lodge. He was commander of the old G. A. R. Post, Phil Kearney, which is now extinct.

Our subject has been twice married. His first wife, Sarah H., daughter of Isaac Cheney of Sutton, N. H., died at about the age of forty. She bore him four children. Francis, who died at the age of forty-six, married Miss Ruth Emma Stone, and left at his death one child, Wilbur M., who is a very successful physician and surgeon of San Francisco, Cal. Rosa died at the age of fourteen. Charles H. is a commission merchant of Fresno, Cal.; he married, and has one daughter, Winifred. Herbert B. is a manufacturer and dealer in stoves and tinware of New London, N. H.; he married Grace Rowell, and has one child, Rosa. Our subject's second wife was Mrs. Sarah A. Clough, a daughter of Elijah Whittier.

EDWIN A. CLOUGH, a retired citizen of the town of Enfield, N. H., was born in Tamworth, N. H., Aug. 14, 1828, and is a son of Theophilus C. and Hannah G. (Boynton) Clough, grandson of Henry and Betsey Ann (Colcord) Clough, and great-grandson of Theophilus and Elizabeth (Currier) Clough.

Theophilus Clough was born in Candia, N. H., and was among the first pioneers of the town of Enfield, settling in the western part of the town, and owning a large hill farm; afterwards he cleared a farm at the head of Mascoma Lake, since known as north end, and built a small house, replacing it with a larger one in 1812, on the site of Mr. Perley's present residence. Mr. Clough died there of consumption at the age of sixty; his wife lived to be eighty-four. Of eight children born to them, there were but two sons, Henry and Theophilus.

Henry, the elder son, built a tavern near his father's place, and took care of a small farm; he was stricken down with lung fever at the age of thirty-three, leaving the following children: John C., Theophilus C., Helen M., and Betsey Ann. Henry Clough's wife lived to a good old age, and enjoyed many pleasant years with her children and grandchildren.

Our subject's father, being left when a small lad without a father, had very meager chances to secure an education in the schools; but he was blessed with a good mother, and under her tutelage and instruction did fairly well. When a young man he entered the carding and cloth-making mills, which were operated on the old style, and got a fair start in life. After a while he went to Tamworth, N. H., was in business there for a short time, and then came to Enfield, N. H., and established a woolen manufacturing business at Enfield Center, where the F. B. Morse saw-mills are now, and prospered exceedingly well, until 1849, when he caught the gold fever. Leaving his business with his brother he started for California via Panama; in crossing the Isthmus, he with others hired mules and transported the cargo overland to the Pacific Coast; while engaged in this he was taken ill from overwork and died at Panama, April 23, 1849; he was born Jan. 1, 1803. His wife, who was born Oct. 2, 1803, died Aug. 30, 1839, the victim of consumption; she was a daughter of Joseph W. and Jane (Gilman) Boynton. Her

children were: Edwin A., born Aug. 14, 1828; Angeline B., May 17, 1830; and Mary J., born January, 1832, and died November, 1832. Edwin A. Clough's father married as his second wife Relief Welch, who died at the age of seventy-four, leaving Emily A.; and Warren C., a merchant of Enfield, N. H. In politics Mr. Clough was a Whig, and later a Democrat; in the matter of religion he was a Universalist. He was a strong advocate of temperance, and was often called upon to lecture or speak on that subject.

Edwin A. Clough assisted his father until he was twenty-one, at which time his father started for California; he then went to Cambridge, Mass., and worked for his uncle, John L. Boynton, and was later a clerk for Merrill Bros. He became cashier and bookkeeper, and remained with the same house for twenty years, through all its changes of management and personnel of the firm. He was a trusted employee, and high in the estimation of the members of the firm; in 1886 he retired from his work, having accumulated by economical habits a comfortable competence to support him in the remaining years of his life. He was kindly received by the citizens of his native town on his return there; he now makes his home with his sister Angeline, who married, May 15, 1855, Joseph G. Spencer, the son of Joseph G. Spencer, Sr.

Joseph G. Spencer, Jr., was born in Norwich, Vt., July 8, 1828, and was a mechanic by trade in early life. He afterwards came to Enfield and worked in the Shaker grist and flouring-mills, and was later employed in the bedstead factory and the sash and blind factory. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. C., 15th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., and served eleven months; while in the army he lost his health, and was never strong again; he died March 28, 1892, leaving his wife and one child to survive him. There were two children born to them: the elder, Mabel E., was born July 8, 1860, and died Oct. 15, 1860; Fred A. Spencer, the younger, was born May 25, 1862, and is one of the stockholders and directors of Dodge, Davis & Co., of Bristol, N. H., one of the largest manufacturing companies of finest grade of flannel and woolen goods in New Hampshire. Mr. Spencer is one of the directors, an overseer, and a salesman. He married Miss Grace L. Stanley, daughter of Horace B. Stanley of Enfield, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. They

have one child, Stanley A. Joseph G. Spencer, our subject's brother-in-law, was a Democrat, and prominent in the political circles of the town; in 1870 he was chairman of the board of selectmen; in 1890-91 he was collector of taxes; and in 1892 was moderator. Coming to this town at the age of seventeen, he formed many friendships, which continued unbroken to the last; he was a loyal, useful citizen, whose memory will be revered for scores of years to come. He was a member of Admiral Farragut Post, G. A. R., No. 52.

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DANIEL EASTMAN, a dealer in stoves, tinware, and crockery, of Canaan, N. H., was born in the town of Orange, Grafton Co., April 26, 1834, and is a son of Joseph and Hannah (Chase) Eastman, and grandson of Joseph and Betsey (Clough) Eastman. Our subject's grandfather was an agriculturist of the town of Hopkinton, and died at about the age of forty-five; he had six children: Darius, Joseph, Stephen, Ruth, Phebe, and Mary A.

Joseph Eastman was born in Hopkinton, N. H., and came to the town of Orange, when that part of the county was very sparsely settled, and bought 200 acres of forest land. Energetic and determined, he felled the trees, burning the old native spruce growth to clear the land so that it could be cultivated, and built himself a home. He became a very successful man, and was self-made in every respect; he was one of the hardest working men ever known in his vicinity. When about sixty-five years old he sold the farm to his son, and moved to Spring Creek, Warren Co., Pa., where he bought a farm, and died. His first wife, a daughter of Enoch Chase, a trader, fell into that last sleep, which is a balm to every mortal pain and sorrow, at the age of fifty-nine. The children by his first marriage were: Betsey; Ruth; Fanny; Enoch; Joseph; Daniel; Randall; Emeline, who died young; Emeline; Polly; Edna A.; and Henry. Mr. Eastman married as his second wife Louise Bowen, who bore him two more children.

Daniel Eastman, the subject of this personal history, helped his father in clearing the farm, and there learned the lessons taught by a hardy







ABNER WESTON LYMAN.

pioneer to work till the stars appeared, and begin another day's work while the stars still twinkled in the sky. At the age of twenty he went to Concord, and worked on the Shaker farm a few years, and then he went to Pennsylvania, and assisted his brother-in-law in building a new house on his farm there, after which he worked as assistant in building mills for a period, at last settling down and buying a farm in the town of Orange, where he remained three years. In 1885 he came to Canaan, and in company with Mr. Barns, under the firm name of Barns & Eastman, ran a stove, tin, and crockery store for a year and a half; the partnership was then dissolved, and our subject has been in the business alone ever since. He owns, besides other real estate, a store and house combined on Mechanic Street, where he shows a fine line of goods. His undoubted integrity and generous conduct to his patrons has resulted in his building up what is considered a very good trade in that line of business.

At the age of twenty-three he became converted in the Adventist faith, and when twenty-six years old began preaching, having been ordained a minister, and has ever since devoted much of his time to his creed. He has served as a member of the quarterly conference committee, and is one of the councillors at the Alton Bay Camp Grounds; he officiates also at funerals and weddings.

Mr. Eastman's first wife was Hannah A. Eastman, daughter of Stephen Eastman; she died at the age of twenty-five, leaving two small children: Edgar S.; and Adaline G., both of whom did not live to reach maturity. His second wife was Martha Ford, daughter of Kimball Ford; she also died at the age of twenty-five, leaving one child, Edgar, who died young. Mr. Eastman married as his third wife, Mrs. Martha Buxton, daughter of Joseph Blodgett. His fourth wife was Persis, widow of Samuel H. Clark, and after her death he married Mrs. Lucy L. McKeen, who also is sweetly sleeping. His sixth wife was Mrs. Elsinä H., daughter of Aaron Barney. Mr. Eastman in his early days was a Democrat, but is now a Republican, and has been a very active and popular man, and is a member of the board of health. He is blessed with excellent health, is well-preserved, and has the general appearance of a man ten years his junior.

ABNER WESTON LYMAN, the miller of Oliverian Brook Village, and dealer in flour, grain, feed, and coal, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, was born in West Randolph, Vt., Oct. 27, 1830. He is a son of Ziba and Lavinia (Weston) Lyman, grandson of Josiah and Eunice (Tiffany) Lyman.

Josiah Lyman was born in Lebanon, Conn., Aug. 11, 1760, and died in Randolph, Vt., Feb. 3, 1831. A farmer by occupation, he was one of the first settlers of Williamstown, Vt., and his wife was one of the first three women to live there. They went there with their belongings on a hand-sled; the goods, including a jug of rum, were packed securely on, and then Mrs. Lyman sat on top, while her husband pulled the sled, and a Frenchman, who accompanied them, was to push. It so happened that it would have been far better for one of the party, at least, if the rum had not been along. At the start the Frenchman worked faithfully, but gradually he pushed less and less, which Mr. Lyman found was caused by his frequent surreptitious pulls at the jug. He finally gave out, and, unnoticed by the rest of the party, laid down in the snow. Mr. Lyman, upon reaching a neighbor's, hurried back with succor, but the poor Frenchman had closed his earthly career in a drunken sleep, resulting in being frozen to death. With his three neighbors at Williamstown, Mr. Lyman felled a few acres of the forest, and in the clearing thus made they rolled the logs up into a house for each family; the cabins were covered with hemlock bark. The house within was furnished in the most primitive manner; for tables, split logs, smoothed on both sides, did very good service, and for chairs benches were constructed in the same manner. Mr. Lyman married his wife in Lebanon, Conn., Sept. 22, 1782; she was born in that town Sept. 19, 1762, and passed to the bright world beyond the skies in Randolph, Vt., Oct. 18, 1843. Their daughter Lois was the first child born in Williamstown. Mrs. Lyman was a typical housewife of the frontier of those times, and was noted for her industrious habits. She carded, spun, wove, and made all the clothing, both flaxen and wool, of the family. Besides her own cooking, she provided bread and other products of the oven for a bachelor settler, who lived five miles away. During her spare hours she even helped to clear the land. Bean por-

ridge was the staple article of diet, and served its purpose nobly in providing its users with the hardest of constitutions.

The bark roof on the cabin becoming decayed, Mr. Lyman, in 1792, built the first frame house in the town; it was small, only 16x24, with two rooms, and a stone chimney in the center of the structure. This house was used as a tavern for many years, the sleeping apartments being in the attic and reached by a ladder. The house is still standing, and was occupied until very recent years. On moving into the new house Mr. Lyman purchased half a dozen splint bottom chairs for the best room, which was a great luxury in those days. During fair weather the abandoned log-cabin served as a school-house, adjourning when that structure was untenable to Mr. Lyman's new home; the only school books belonging to the school, which were the property of the teacher, were a spelling-book, psalter, and a testament.

In February, 1793, when Prince Edward of England was on his way from Quebec to Boston, he remained over night in Williamstown. He took up his quarters in the unfinished mansion of Judge Paine, while the remainder of his suite stayed at the house of Mr. Lyman. Thirteen carryalls and sleighs were needed to convey the royal party.

Ziba Lyman was born in Williamstown, Vt., April 9, 1790, was married to Lavinia T. Weston, at Randolph, Vt., Dec. 3, 1818, and died in Hartford, Vt., Jan. 13, 1864. In his early years he was a farmer, in middle life a harness and saddle-maker, and in his declining years a farmer again. He lived in Williamstown, Randolph, Strafford, Sharon, Bethel, and Hartford. In politics, he was a Whig and a Republican. He was a deacon in the Congregational Church. His wife was a daughter of Abner and Hulda (Washburn) Weston, who were married at Middleboro', Mass., August, 1786. Abner Weston, a soldier in the Revolution, was a son of Edmund Weston, Jr., grandson of Edmund Weston (2), and great-grandson of Edmund Weston (1), who emigrated to this country from England and settled in Middleboro', Mass., where he married Rebecca Soule. His son, Edmund, married Susanna Jackson as his first wife, and Elizabeth Smith as his second. Edmund, the third of that name, married Mary Tinkham, granddaughter of Isaac

Howland on her mother's side. Isaac Howland was a son of John Howland, an emigrant on the Mayflower in her memorable voyage of the year 1620. John Howland was a son of John Howland, and a grandson of John Howland, who was a citizen and soldier of London, and was born about 1500. To our subject's parents were born the following children: Lavinia, deceased, who married a Mr. Hitchcock; Asa Tiffany, deceased, who married Sarah Davis; Abner Weston, the subject of this biography; Charles Josiah; and Mary Weston, the wife of Alonzo Lane.

Our subject's parents moved to Strafford when he was a babe, and there he lived for thirteen years, going from there to Norwich and Sharon; up to the age of eighteen he attended the district schools of Strafford, Norwich, and Sharon, and then spent one year in the academy at West Randolph. When twenty-one he started out from the town of Sharon to face the world for himself and achieve what success he might. Farm work and other hard manual labor formed his principal means of support at first. He then worked on the railroad and in lumber mills.

In 1858 he began milling at Barton Landing, Vt.; then one year in Irisburgh, Vt., and four more in Hartford, Vt., returning at the end of that time to Barton Landing. In 1872 he came to Haverhill and ran a mill for Louis Barter till the mill was sold and threw him out of employment; for a year he was in the mountains lumbering, not being able to obtain satisfactory work at his trade. The mill, under the management at that time had not done well and was proving a very sorry investment for its owners, so they asked Mr. Lyman to return to Haverhill and take charge of his old job. Accordingly he bought the property, and has conducted it successfully ever since.

Mr. Lyman was married July 26, 1853, to Mary Chilson, daughter of Daniel Chilson, and to them as a result of this union was born one child, Nellie F., who married Richard Gerish, a pattern-maker of Lynn, Mass. After the death of his first wife Mr. Lyman contracted a second matrimonial union with Mrs. Susan D. Williams, the ceremony taking place April 13, 1870, at Barton Landing. Mrs. Lyman is a daughter of John Stimson, Jr., and Susan R. Brown. John Stimson was a son of Capt. John, Sr., and Debo-



rah (Winch) Stimson. Capt. John Stimson was one of the first settlers of Melbourne, Canada; his title was derived from his position in command of an old militia company. He moved into Canada from Weathersfield, Vt., when his son John was a babe in arms. He penetrated seven miles into the dense forest, drawing a few possessions on a hand-sled. His log-cabin, which he erected, was covered with bear skins to keep out the wind; it was located on the bank of the St. Francis River, the windows overlooking the stream. For two years, while they lived there, his wife saw only one woman, and that was an Indian squaw, who passed in a canoe. Susan R. Brown, the mother of our subject's wife, was a daughter of Ensign James Brown, who married Polly Greenleaf; they moved from Peacham, Vt., to Shipton (now Danville), Canada. Mrs. Lyman was born at Melbourne, Canada; her parents came to Vermont when she was a girl in her teens. She was engaged to Mr. Williams, her first husband, when a resident of Vermont, but returned to Canada, and there married him. They lived at Ascott, where he conducted his business of clothier. He enlisted in the late war, Oct. 15, 1861, at Barton, Vt., in Co. D. 6th Vermont Vol. Inf., and was killed in the first day's fight at the Battle of the Wilderness. Mrs. Lyman became the mother of four children by her first husband, of whom one survives, Melbourne S. Williams, who is engaged in farming in Haverhill, and makes his home with Mr. Lyman; he has seen much of the United States, having traveled from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and seeing nearly every State. Mr. Lyman is a strong Republican, but would never accept any proffer of office.

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SIDNEY D. TILTON, an extensive contractor in concrete work and lumber, of the village of Woodsville, was born in New Hampton, N. H., Dec. 24, 1866. He is a son of Daniel L. and Laura L. (Pike) Tilton of New Hampton. Laura L. Pike is a daughter of Ezekiel and Sarah (Huckins) Pike of Hebron, N. H. Daniel L. Tilton was a farmer throughout his life; six children were born to him: Albert and Arthur were by a former marriage; Sidney D., our subject; Charles L., of Plymouth; Sarah, the widow of

Edward Knowlton of Laconia; and Hubert, a resident of New Hampton. Our subject's father changed his residence to Sanbornton, N. H., from New Hampton, when S. D. was an infant of one and a half years. They resided in Sanbornton some eight or nine years, when S. D. Tilton returned to New Hampton to make his home with his uncle, S. A. Howard, until he reached his majority. His schooling was obtained in the common schools of Sanbornton and New Hampton, finishing with three terms at the New Hampton Institute.

While living with his uncle he learned the business of concrete laying, and was able to figure on any kind of a contract, having had experience in that line from his fourteenth year. On reaching the age that made him his own master he naturally took up a line of work with which he was perfectly familiar, and soon had work in various parts of the States of Vermont and New Hampshire. His first contract was at Plymouth, followed by work in Woodsville, Lisbon, Welles River, Lancaster, etc. His largest contracts were in Littleton, with St. Johnsbury a good second. Other important contracts were accomplished at Bradford, Butler, Haverhill, North Haverhill, Newport, Lindenville, and other places of prominence. Besides a saw-mill at Lyme, and a tract of timber land of some 400 or 500 acres, back of Lyme, he owns a new business block, constructed in the fall and winter of 1896, which is one of the finest in the village of Woodsville, and reflects great credit upon its owner. It is three stories in height, with plate-glass front, and fitted throughout with all the modern improvements. In 1890 he first made his permanent home in Woodsville.

Mr. Tilton was joined in marriage June 30, 1891, to Mary Williamine George, a native of Alexandria, N. H., and a daughter of Isaac K. and Belle A. (Simonds) George, Jr.; her father was born in Sutton, N. H., and her mother in Carlyle, Mass. Isaac K. George, Sr., the grandfather of our subject's wife, was the son of Levi and Eunice (Walworth) George. Levi was born in Canaan, and was the son of one of three brothers who came from England and settled in Taunton, Mass. Eunice Walworth was born in Hillsboro, N. H. The mother of Mrs. S. D. Tilton, Belle A. Simonds, was the daughter of William and Mary (Pattee) Simonds. William

Simonds was born in Alexandria, N. H., May 4, 1794, and died in 1840, near Carlyle, Mass., where he followed farming many years. He was the son of John and Isabel (McMurphy) Simonds; John Simonds was the son of Ebenezer Simonds, a farmer, who, with his three brothers, was one of the early settlers of Alexandria, N. H. He married Mary Greene of Concord, N. H. Isabel McMurphy, mentioned above, was the daughter of John McMurphy, a farmer. Mary Pattee, the wife of William Simonds, was born Jan. 2, 1804, and is a daughter of William and Judith (Worthen) Pattee, Jr. William Pattee, Jr., is a son of William Pattee, Sr., a native of England, dying in Alexandria, N. H.; he married Nancy Hyde of Londonderry, Mass.; she died in Alexandria. His son, William Pattee, Jr., was born in Alexandria about 1775, and died in 1821. Judith Worthen was born in Bristol, and is a daughter of Samuel Worthen, who married a Miss Inglis.

Mrs. Simonds, now in her ninety-third year, is hale and hearty, and active in her habits; her mind is clear and sound as one forty years her junior. She is of a cheerful disposition, and thoroughly enjoys life in her old age. Her memory is of the best; she remembers distinctly the War of 1812; recollects very clearly the scenes attending the recruiting of the soldiers. She is one of nine children born to her parents, eight of them living to maturity; at the present time the only survivor is a sister, who is in her eighty-fourth year. Three children have been born to Mrs. Simonds, of whom Mrs. Tilton, our subject's wife, is the second. The record is: Charles E., an attorney; Mary W. (Tilton); Lewis E., who is in business with his father in Woodsville. Mrs. Tilton was reared near Bristol, attending in her youthful days the common schools of Bristol. Later on she took a two years' course in the State Normal School at Plymouth, and a three years' course in Newbury Academy. Having finished her education she taught in the schools of Grafton Co. To Mr. and Mrs. Tilton have been born two children: George Dana and Blanche Laura. Mrs. Tilton is an attendant of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Tilton is a member of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F.; and Cheswick Lodge, No. 66, K. of P. In politics Mr. Tilton is a Republican, and never loses an opportunity to endorse any action of the party.

DR. EDWARD M. TUCKER, of Canaan, N. H., well known among the leading physicians and surgeons of the county, was born in Springvale, town of Sanford, York Co., Me., April 22, 1840. He is a son of John and Eliza (Hussey) Tucker, grandson of Ezra and Judith (Burbank) Tucker, and great-grandson of Nathan Tucker, who was born in Salisbury, N. H., a farmer by occupation, and the parent of sixteen children.

Our subject's grandfather was born in Salisbury, N. H., and early in life settled in the town of Grafton, Grafton Co., N. H., taking up a farm near the center of the town, where he followed farming all his days, and died at the age of eighty-eight. He was an inveterate hunter and trapper, and there seemed to him to be no sport like fox hunting; many a fox hunter was welcomed to his cheer and hospitality. He was a Democrat in politics. His wife, who was a daughter of Jonathan Burbank, a Revolutionary soldier, of Boscawen, lived to be eighty-seven years old. They had twelve children, namely: John, Lydia, George, Daniel, Martha, Oliver, Nathan, Alice, Elsie, Sophronia, Mary, and Judith.

John Tucker was born in the town of Salisbury, and married Eliza Hussey in Dover, N. H., daughter of John Hussey, a sea captain. Early in life Mr. Tucker entered the employ of the Cocheco Manufacturing Co.; beginning at the very bottom, he worked up to the top by patient endeavor and faithful service, becoming superintendent of the finishing room; he was still in the employ of this firm when his days were abruptly cut short at the age of forty-two, by a fatal stroke of apoplexy. His wife lived to be seventy-five years and one day old; she was a woman of many noble qualities, with a word of good cheer, and with a smile of a heart tender toward suffering and wrong, she accomplished well the work given her to do, and reared her children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord to live useful, honorable lives. The children were named as follows: Mary E., George H., Edward M., Sarah J., John, and Mary E.

Edward M., the subject of this sketch, after attending the district schools, became a student under Dr. L. G. Hill of Dover until the outbreak of the war. In 1861 he enlisted in Battery C., Massachusetts Light Artillery, and was wounded Sept. 20, 1862, in the engagement at Shepards-



town, Va., after escaping all injury in several other severe battles. He was taken to the hospital at Philadelphia, Penn., where after a partial recovery, sufficient for him to be able to get around, he was discharged from the service for disability. When fully recovered so as to be able to pass the examination of the surgeons, he re-enlisted in 1864, and was assigned to the 24th Veteran Reserve Corps, being appointed hospital steward, and serving in that capacity until 1865. In December of that year he was appointed by Gen. U. S. Grant hospital steward in the regular army, and served until December, 1871, during which time he had taken two courses of lectures at the Medical University of Georgetown, D. C. In 1872 he entered the Medical Department of Bowdoin College, from which he graduated in July, 1872, and decided upon Canaan as a fit place to open up a practice. This decision was taken, because he wished to locate in as healthy a climate as possible; and as nothing pleased him more than to be able to see each day the beautiful scenery of mountains, valleys, lakes, and streams, that make the mountainous portions of Grafton Co. so entrancing, he came to Canaan and opened an office and waited for the patients to come. Because of his long, varied, and valuable experience in army life, he was better qualified for his chosen profession than the average physician and surgeon, and in a very short time built up a very extensive practice, and responded to calls from the country for miles in every direction. Much of his professional success and health in life is due to the fact that he is a very temperate man, and has never used liquor or tobacco. He is an influential and leading member of the Sons of Temperance, and does all he can to advance the cause. Both he and his wife are Congregationalists, and are members of the Congregational Society of Canaan.

Dr. Tucker is living in the third home which he has built in Canaan, a fine residence, fitted with modern improvements and surrounded by beautiful lawns, through which winds the drive. It is a choice location on the corner of High and Turnpike Streets, and is the site of the old Worth Tavern, which flourished in stage times.

He married Mary Albina Kimball, daughter of Peter and Nancy A. (Adams) Kimball of Grafton, N. H., who is the great-granddaughter of Capt. Peter Kimball, a Revolutionary soldier

of Boscawen, N. H.; she was born in Salisbury, N. H., June 6, 1852. Their only child, Luie Albina, was born April 28, 1884. Dr. Tucker is a Republican, and has been a member of the school board, board of health, and a justice of the peace for many years. He is a member of Social Lodge, No. 50, F. & A. M., of Enfield, having first joined Strafford Lodge of that Order in Dover, N. H., in 1865; he has also been a member of Belknap Chapter, No. 8, since 1870. He has been a member of the Knights of Pythias more than thirty years; and is at present connected with Mt. Cardigan Lodge, No. 31, K. of P. He is also a member of Helping Hand Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F.; Admiral Farragut Post, No. 52, G. A. R., of Enfield; and also past medical director of the Department of New Hampshire; also a member of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution. He is a member of both the New Hampshire and White River Medical Societies.

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CAPT. THOMAS J. CARLTON, of the town of Enfield, N. H., was born in the town of Canaan, this county, Nov. 9, 1837, and is a son of Jonathan and Eliza (Shattuck) Carlton, and a grandson of Jonathan and Polly (Chase) Carlton.

Jonathan Carlton served in the Revolutionary War at Bunker Hill, and about the year 1777 came from Amesbury, Mass., to Canaan, and took up an extensive tract of land and built a saw-mill at factory village, and ran it a number of years. He raised a large family, who were content at first to dwell in a log-house, but increasing prosperity brought them new wants, so he built a frame house, into which the family moved, relinquishing the old home where they were born. He bought and sold land to a great extent, and did all in his power to induce new families to come to Canaan, and settle in the town. Both he and his wife lived to a good old age and were able to see the country grow up, become populated, and prosperous. Their children were as follows: Daniel, born April 21, 1783; Moses, Sept. 8, 1785; Francis, Aug. 15, 1787; Hannah, Nov. 4, 1789; Sally, May 6, 1792; Betsey, Jan. 29, 1794; Polly, Feb. 12, 1798; Jonathan, Oct. 23, 1800; and Thomas, Aug. 5, 1803.



Our subject's father learned the stone-cutting and masonry trade, but remained at home most of the time during his father's life, assisting his parents; he inherited the homestead, which he sold, after a few years of occupancy; and built a house on Canaan Street, where he followed his trade, dying Dec. 6, 1878. He was a Democrat until the formation of the Republican party, when he changed his politics, like so many other Northern Democrats. His wife, Eliza, was born Nov. 25, 1798, and died March 26, 1852.

There were born to them the following children: Samuel, born Sept. 4, 1826; Henry, Oct. 6, 1828; Abel S., Sept. 15, 1830; Abigail, April 19, 1832; an infant son, deceased; Daniel, April 11, 1835; Thomas J., our subject; Sarah E., Sept. 14, 1839; and Mary J., April 10, 1842.

Capt. Thomas J. Carlton attended the Canaan Academy, finishing his studies under Prof. C. C. Webster, and at the age of twenty went to Enfield and worked in the saw-mills a short time, and then entered the bedstead factory, where he was employed until 1861. At the breaking out of the war he enlisted as a private in Co. B., 6th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., but as he was a man of iron nerve and good judgment, he was promoted to the position of corporal, and then became a commissioned officer as second lieutenant, then first lieutenant, finally assuming the insignia of captain. In 1865 he was commissioned captain of Co. F.; in 1864 he had been in command of four companies—B., F., G., and H.—and had charge of the last detachment of men to leave Cold Harbor, said detachment consisting of some 300 men; these he led safely to join the 9th Army Corps. He took part in twenty-seven general engagements, not to speak of numerous skirmishes, and was never wounded in the service; after his discharge, when returning home, he received a slight injury.

Capt. Carlton, after the close of the war, resumed his work in the factory, remaining there until 1875. Since that time he has devoted his time to good advantage in trucking, teaming, and in contracting for such kind of work. He is a man of the most spotless integrity, and has fairly won his reputation of being one of the most honorable men of the town. He bought the mill house, and small farm, on which he has spent no little labor and money to bring it into its present excellent condition; he has rebuilt

both house and barns, and has shown himself to be a model farmer in more ways than one. In 1893 he was appointed road agent, and has not only built new roads, where required, but has also put the old ones into such fine condition that they are able to afford much pleasure as beautiful drives. He is a stanch Republican, but has never sought office.

He married Nancy Bithrow, a daughter of Lewis Bithrow of Lebanon, N. H.; she died at the age of twenty-one, leaving no issue. He married as his second wife Ella Chapman, daughter of John B. and Lavina (Pierce) Chapman of Haverhill, N. H. Mr. Chapman, who died at the age of seventy-five, was a very successful tanner of his day; his wife lived to be eighty years old. Their children were: Henry, who died in the late war; Amelia J.; Hannah L.; Ella; Amos; John; and Julia. This second union of our subject was blessed with the following children: Frank, who died at the age of seven; Lena May, who lives at home with her parents; Eugene L., a clerk in a store, and a member of the Knights of Pythias; and Harry W., a finisher at the Baltic Mills. Capt. Carlton is a member of the Farragut Post, G. A. R.; and he and his wife are members of the Women's Relief Corps.

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OLIVER B. CHILDS, a business man of the town of Canaan, at present engaged in attending to a small farm, and plying his trade of shoemaker, was born in Thetford, Vt., May 26, 1836, and is a son of Abraham and Tryphena (Burr) Childs, and a grandson of Samuel and Susan (Aldrich) Childs.

Samuel Childs was born in Salem, Mass., and when a young man went to Vershire, Vt., where he settled as one of its pioneers; the locality, however, was never pleasing to him, so he finally returned to his native town, and died there at the age of fifty-three. His wife Susan lived to be about eighty years old. The home circle was composed of the following children: Joel, Lorenzo, Lewis, Abraham A., Relief, Lavina, Emma, and Susan.

Abraham A. Childs, the only one of his parents' family still living, was born in Vershire, Vt., April 22, 1813, and when ten years of age





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was put out to live with T. Haskell, a farmer of Greenwich, Mass. At the age of fourteen he went to Ware, Mass., and followed farming until his removal to Thetford, except for five years, when he worked at ship carpentering. After his marriage in Thetford, Vt., with Tryphena Burr, daughter of Oliver Burr, a farmer of that town, he followed coopering until 1848, when he bought a farm in the town of Dorchester, this county, where he followed farming and coopering until about 1875, when he practically retired. He has since that time lived on his farm in Dorchester, except a part of each year, which he spends with his son, the subject of this sketch. Even at his advanced age he thinks nothing of walking ten miles at a time; both his eyesight and hearing are as yet very little impaired by the effects of age. His wife died in 1881, at the age of seventy-three. Their children were: Oliver Burr; Samuel A., born Dec. 10, 1838; Truman, Oct. 12, 1839; Amanda M., June 5, 1842; Almira T., Dec. 9, 1844; and Samuel, Oct. 12, 1847.

Our subject worked with his father until he was sixteen, and then went to Natick, Mass., where he spent seven years at shoe-making; in 1859 he came to Canaan, N. H., and worked at his trade until 1862, Sept. 9, when he enlisted in Co. H., 11th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., and was discharged June 4, 1865. During this time he served on detached service as hospital nurse one year, and then as steward for the Colored Hospital at City Point, Va.; while stationed at Knoxville, Tenn., before he became steward, he was injured by a tree falling on the tent, breaking his shoulders and ribs, from which injuries he has never fully recovered. At the close of the war he came home, and lived in the town of Enfield, N. H., one year making shoes, and then in Canaan for five years, when his health failed and forced him to seek employment where he could be more in the open air. So he traded his property for a farm in the town of Grafton, where he followed farming twelve years, and then sold and bought his present home on Mechanic Street, Canaan, where he has since lived and followed his trade, besides caring for a small farm attached to his residence. He delights in being out of doors and working his farm; he has a great love of order, and desiring to have his property to put on its best possible appearance,

he has made not a few valuable improvements, both to the structures on the land and to the farm itself. He is a Republican, and is serving his second term as overseer of the poor, and has served in several other town offices. In religious matters he is inclined to be liberal. In the *Phil Kearney Post*, G. A. R., which is now extinct, he was commander.

Oct. 2, 1860, he married Mary S. Stone, daughter of Elbridge G. and Harriet N. (Bradbury) Stone. Elbridge G. Stone, born Dec. 19, 1810, died Sept. 15, 1847, was a prominent farmer of the town of Hanover, this county. His wife Harriet was born Sept. 5, 1823, and departed this life March 16, 1896. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stone, as follows: Mary S., our subject's wife, born Feb. 5, 1844; Lucy A., born Feb. 21, 1845; and Cynthia, who was born July 9, 1847, and died when young in years. The union of our subject and his estimable wife has been blessed with two children: M. Ella, born Oct. 21, 1861, who married F. B. Wilson of Canaan, and has one child, Alzina M.; and Alzina J., who was born April 27, 1866, and died aged twenty years and nine months.

HON. JOHN W. DODGE, deceased. There are a number of Grafton Co.'s most substantial business men, who have risen from humble positions in the lower walks of life to eminent positions in the commercial world; it is this kind of man whom the world calls self-made. We place our subject, the gentleman whose name heads this sketch and whose excellent portrait adorns the preceding page, among this number, confident that few have merited their success and the estimation shown them, as he. He was a leading business man of the town of Enfield, and president of the Dodge, Davis & Co. woolen manufacturers. Mr. Dodge was born in the town of Hanover, N. H., Sept. 4, 1815, and died Feb. 13, 1897; he was a son of Daniel and Sally (Wright) Dodge.

Mr. Dodge's father was born in Windham, Conn., and came to the town of Hanover, Grafton Co., where he bought a small tract of woodland, from which he cut the first stick, following it up by clearing the farm, building a small house

for the shelter of his family and the cultivation of his fields. In this little house on Moose Mt. he reared ten children, and later on built a larger house and barns, which are standing to-day. Those of his children who grew up became very successful in life, remarkably so in fact, and all were well known for their brightness of intellects. Mr. Dodge was a very hard worker and expended his energies in proper channels because of his good judgment. He was a member of the Baptist Church for forty years, and was then excommunicated for his belief in the Universalist doctrine of the unity of God, instead of the Baptist creed of the Trinity of God; thereafter Mr. Dodge was a Universalist in belief. He was very well posted in the Scriptures and delighted in arguments concerning the interpretation of such and such a paragraph or verse. He died at the age of seventy, and his wife at the age of eighty-six. She was a daughter of Deacon John Wright, who came from Lebanon, Conn., to Hanover to assist in the location of Dartmouth College. The children born to our subject's parents were as follows: Ormie, a doctor by profession; Daniel, also a practicing physician; Nabby; Harvey, a minister of the Gospel; Orford, who died at the age of about seventy-one years; Sally; Cyrus; Minus; Isaac, who died when a student at college; and John W., the subject of this sketch.

John W. Dodge remained on the homestead assisting his father until he was thirty-one years old, securing his education in the district schools when a boy. Upon leaving the farm he went to the village of Hanover to act as clerk for Conant, becoming one of the firm after two years and a half, and carrying on the business under the firm name of Morgan & Dodge. In one year's time Mr. Conant withdrew, and Morgan & Dodge ran the business until 1857, when it became Dodge & Huntington. The firm through its different formations built up a large trade, which increased steadily from year to year. In 1862 Mr. Dodge bought out his partner and managed it until about 1865. In 1863, while still managing the store in Hanover, he came to Enfield to superintend the manufacture of Shaker flannels for Alpheus Conant. After the death of Caleb Dyer, Mr. Dodge became one of the firm of Dodge, Davis & Williams, the latter a successor of Mr. Conant. In 1873 Mr. Williams

retired, and the firm became what it is known at present, Dodge, Davis & Co. As the mills, which they were using, were out of repair and needed rebuilding to suit their increased needs and could not be purchased at a reasonable figure, they bought the Holden Mills of Bristol; in 1885 they removed their machinery from Enfield to Bristol and set it up in their present quarters. In 1887 the company was incorporated with a capital stock of \$150,000.00, with the following officers: John W. Dodge, president; C. W. Fling, secretary; and H. C. Whipple, treasurer. They have built an entire new mill, 72 feet by 52, three stories in height, thus giving them a store-house, dye-house, and picking-house. Only the best and most modern machinery has been introduced, and the finest grades of flannels are manufactured. The mills have eleven sets of cards, and sixty-two broad and four narrow looms, employing 100 hands, and not stopping, except for repair when any of the machinery gets out of order. While many factories over the land have put out the fires under the boilers and are no longer running because of the tariff, this factory has always had a large call for their goods and has always been able to run at a profit; it is self-sustaining, as Mr. Dodge claimed every factory should be, and asks only to be let alone in order to prosper.

On July 1, 1855, Mr. Dodge was married to Mrs. Clementine Whipple, daughter of Harry H. Chandler; she died March 6, 1893, at the age of seventy-four, leaving two children by her first marriage with Mr. Whipple: Henry C. and Margaret P., and one child by her marriage with our subject: Fanny Louise. The latter was born April 30, 1859, and married Rev. Walter Dole, a minister of the Universalist Church, bearing him two children: John Walter and Mary Clementine. Mr. Dodge was married the second time, April 3, 1895, to Mrs. Helen A. Morgan, daughter of John Bridgeman of Hanover. Mr. Dodge owned a beautiful residence on the corner of North and East Streets, which he had built and furnished with all the modern conveniences and appliances.

Mr. Dodge was always a thorough-going Democrat and represented the town of Enfield in the New Hampshire Legislature in 1878-79-80. He was fearless and outspoken in his advocacy of free trade principles, and a moment's conver-



sation with him on this subject showed to a candid and impartial listener that his convictions were based on very substantial reasons. He claimed that protection was not needed to give American factories a chance to compete with foreign products, that with the superior skill of American workmen and greater improvements in our machinery, our factories could be self-sustaining, and did not need any sops thrown to them in the way of a restrictive tariff. Protection enthusiasts shout for protection to American industries and to American workmen. How well our infant industries have been protected under Republican rule with its false ideas of political economy is shown by the many gigantic trusts and combines that have sprung up, grown and thrived under the fostering care of protection, which even now threaten the good of the body politic. One of the greatest curses to our country is this hydra-headed monster, monopoly, which drives out of business all who do not unite under its standard, and fixes exorbitant prices for its products and allowing competition no chance to secure for the consumer reasonable prices for the articles he needs. Remove all tariff from wool and our manufacturers will be able to compete with foreigners, with no chance for monopoly to stifle production and secure for itself the benefits of such a course. Protectionists would have us believe that foreign labor could compete with that of our own workmen. Supposing the American workman is paid more, is it not a well-established fact that well-paid, and consequently well-nourished, men will be able to perform more and do better work than those who starve on a mere pittance? The believers in protection seem averse to allowing any but Americans have the benefits of American markets, but how can they reconcile this with their desire to increase our foreign markets? Is not international commerce—or all commerce for that matter—an exchange of commodities, benefiting both parties? While we knock for admission to the markets of other nations, we close our own markets by a high-board tariff, which excludes all chance for cheap living and cheap production in this country. How has England secured so prominent a place in the markets of the world? It is without much doubt caused by her system of free trade and by her splendid fleets of merchantmen that carry on her foreign

commerce. Let the United States wake up to the advantage of having a creditable merchant marine, increase it if necessary by reasonable subsidies, and then our manufacturers can secure their raw materials at a better figure, manufacture their products at such a figure so as to be more in the reach of all classes, and markets not only in this country, but throughout the world will open to us that were shut to us before.

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BARNEY BROTHERS. Albert E. and Arthur J., proprietors of the Mascoma Shirt and Overall Manufactory of Canaan, and also of the largest general store in the town, and rivaling the largest and best in the county, are sons of Eleazer and Emeline A. (Durrell) Barney, and grandsons of John and Nancy (Martin) Barney. The family came from Massachusetts to Canaan, and from the Bay State they may be traced back to Rhode Island, where the first emigrant of that name settled in America.

John Barney was a son of Jabez and a grandson of Aaron Barney, who moved from Rehoboth, Mass., to New Hampshire, and took up a large timbered tract of land; he got rid of the timber by burning it off, and then sowed grain. He cleared a good farm, and became a prominent man of his day, and well-endowed with real estate, owning about a quarter of the town of Grafton, and 3,000 acres in towns adjoining, at one time. He was a pioneer in those days, when only bridle-paths were used to travel from home to market or to the homes of the neighbors. Jabez succeeded his father in the management and care of the farm, and married a Miss Barney, by whom he had eight children, of which family John, our subject's grandfather, was one of the eldest. John Barney started out in life as a farmer, and rapidly rose to affluence and wealth, for he was one of those hard-working men who seem to know by instinct how to get the best results from the pursuit of agriculture. His wife, Nancy, was a daughter of Judge Martin, and, like her husband, was blessed with a strong, rugged constitution, and was permitted to live to a good old age. Mr. Barney was a Whig, politically, and an active man in all town affairs, viewing with interest and pleasure its growth and



development. He gathered about him six children, namely: Mary, Finett, Eleazer, Jesse, Alfred, and Horace.

Eleazer Barney was born in the town of Grafton, Grafton Co., and early in life entered into the mercantile life of the town of Grafton, where he conducted a store; but after a short period there, he came to Canaan and bought out Currier & Wallace, and for a number of years carried on a large general store where the Cardigan Hotel is now located. When he at last disposed of his business there he bought the Barnard Block, a fine brick store on the corner of Main and Mechanic Streets, where he was in trade until 1870, when he retired; during the last two years his son, Albert E., was associated with him under the firm name of E. Barney & Son. He bought and sold considerable land during his life, and was possessed of no small amount of property at his death, which occurred in 1884, aged sixty-five years. His wife, a daughter of David Durrell, is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Barney reared three children, as follows: Albert E., born Sept. 8, 1843; Arthur J., born Nov. 14, 1848; and Bertha E., born May 24, 1857.

Albert E. Barney, of the firm of Barney Bros., began his commercial and business life as a clerk in his father's establishment, remaining with his parent until he became a partner of the firm of H. S. Worth & Co., who conducted a general store. Mr. Barney sold his interest after two years, and bought a one-half interest in his father's store, and until 1870 ran the business with him. In that year his father retired, and Albert took in as a partner his brother, Arthur J. Barney. Two years later the block was burned down, entailing considerable loss on them; not disheartened in the least by this reverse of fortune, they rebuilt the block in the following year, and their latter end has been abundantly blessed.

They have worked up by careful attention to business, and giving everyone satisfaction, one of the largest wholesale and retail trades in the southern portion of the county, and employ in their factory, which is run by water power, as high as fifty hands in the manufacture of the Mascoma shirts and overalls. Albert E. Barney is a Republican, and has served as town clerk one year, and represented the town in the State Legislature at Concord in 1877-78. He married

Miss Abbie A. Hutchinson, daughter of Richard Hutchinson; she was born Oct. 29, 1846. They have two children by this marriage: Ernest A., born July 11, 1869; and John E., born March 15, 1876.

Arthur J. Barney of the firm of Barney Bros., after assisting his father in the store as clerk, entered into the present arrangement in 1870, buying his father's interest, and, like his father, has won a warm friendship with a large circle of patrons. He is a Republican, and a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge. Like his elder brother he owns a handsome residence, which is an ornament to the town, besides other valuable property, principally real estate. He married Miss Josie Hosley, a daughter of J. D. Hosley of West Lebanon, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. She died at the age of twenty-seven, leaving two children: Harry A., born Jan. 28, 1874; and Clarence F., born Feb. 26, 1877. Mr. Barney married as his second wife Miss Lillian A. Smith, daughter of F. R. Smith of Grafton, N. H.

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CYRUS A. KIMBALL, proprietor of the Cardigan House of Canaan, N. H., and a leading business man of that town, was born in the town of Grafton, this county, April 6, 1861. He is a son of Peter and Nancy Albina (Adams) Kimball, and grandson of Benjamin Kimball and Miss Kilburn. Our subject's grandfather was among the most successful and well-to-do farmers of Boscawen, N. H.

Peter Kimball was born in Boscawen, and when a young man entered into mercantile life at Salisbury, N. H., and in 1855 he went to the town of Grafton, where, after a period of activity in the commercial circles of the town, he bought a fine farm, to which he added land from time to time, as opportunity offered, until, at his death, he owned 1,000 acres. He dealt very extensively in horses and cattle, and kept a very choice dairy; during the active period of his life he ranked among the very first business men of the town; he was born in 1817, and died in 1880. He was not at all backward in improving the large property he secured for himself; he built an entirely new set of barns, and reconstructed

the house to suit his requirements. His wife survives him, and resides at the homestead in the town of Grafton. Their children were: Mary A.; Cyrus A., who died at the age of eighteen months; Carrie A.; Cyrus A.; George B.; and Harry C., who was taken to a better world at the age of three years.

Our subject attended the Penacook Academy, and then finished at Wilmot Academy under Prof. Leary. As his father's health was failing, and the management of the farm became onerous for one of his years, Cyrus took charge of the farm and superintended it for eight years, when he left and came to Canaan and bought the Cardigan House; he has put both the house and the barns into first-class shape. His hotel is the only standard hotel in the town, which is open for guests the year around. He keeps a fine livery of fifteen horses, and the attendant turn-outs; he deals in carriages, and has dealt very extensively in horses and other kinds of stock. Like his father, he is a very energetic, progressive man, and improves every opportunity to turn an honest penny.

Mr. Kimball married Miss Roxanna Frances Beckford, daughter of Benjamin P. Beckford, lately a resident of Grafton township, but formerly a citizen of the town of Bristol, where for many years he was a large woolen manufacturer.

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JAMES FRANK JONES, a carpenter and mechanic of the town of Enfield, was born in the above town, March 19, 1831, and is a son of Jonathan and Margaret K. (Sawyer) Jones, and a grandson of Moses and Mariam (Currier) Jones.

The grandfather of our subject was born in Amesbury, Mass., May 21, 1737. He was one of the Colonial soldiers in the French and Indian War, and was taken prisoner and held captive in Canada for many years, being guarded by the Indians. By obtaining the confidence and goodwill of his captors he gained considerable freedom of movement, and so one day, when out hunting, he started through the forest in an attempt to reach an American settlement. When almost exhausted by fatigue and ready to give up he came to the log-house of a Canadian set-

tlar, who, taking pity on his distress, gave him food and kept him hid from his pursuers. By a rare chance he was fortunate enough to sight an English vessel, which in response to his signals took him on board and kept him there until the excitement following upon his escape had subsided. He then recommenced his journey home, and when he presented himself before his family was not at first recognized by them, for they had supposed him dead for years. He settled at first in his native town of Amesbury, Mass., but later went to Hopkinton, N. H., where he lost his first wife, Mary Fitts; she bore him the following children: Richard, Mehitabel, Sally, Isaac, Moses, and Mary. He married again, and with Ezekiel Stephen came to Enfield, N. H., and bought a large tract of land, where the Shaker Village is now located, in 1792, but soon after traded the farm with the Shakers for the farm where his descendant, F. W. Jones, now resides; the house, with few improvements and alterations is as the Shakers built it; the location of the farm has ever since been known as Jones Hill. Moses Jones lived to be eighty-eight years old, dying Dec. 26, 1824. His second wife, Mariam Currier, the grandmother of our subject, was born in South Hampton, May 24, 1747, and died in 1823; the issue of this second marriage were the children named below: Dorothy, Mariam, Hannah, Rhoda, Nancy, Jonathan, Lucy, and John. Moses Jones was for many years a deacon in the Free Will Baptist Church.

Capt. Jonathan Jones was born in Hopkinton, N. H., Jan. 1, 1778; he settled in Enfield with his parents, and owned the farm which his father traded with the Shakers in 1792, and lived there all of his days, being not only a thrifty farmer, but a very generous, kind-hearted neighbor, a loving husband, and a tender parent. He died at the age of sixty-seven, Aug. 18, 1845. He was a Democrat in the matter of political allegiance, and liberal in his religious views. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and served as a captain of the State militia. His wife, a daughter of Jonathan Sawyer, a Revolutionary soldier, was born July 20, 1785, and died Jan. 13, 1862. This is a record of their children: Polly C., born Feb. 24, 1803; Betsey M., Aug. 27, 1806; Rebecca, Sept. 20, 1808; Alvira, Jan. 29, 1811; Moses W., April 8, 1813; Alvira, July



11, 1815; Mariam P., Sept. 16, 1817; Melinda and Matilda, twins, Nov. 24, 1820; Harvey B., April 12, 1823; Horace M., Sept. 4, 1825; James Frank, the subject of this biography, March 19, 1831; and Margaret F., Dec. 22, 1832.

Our subject worked with his father, and attended the district and high school until 1846, when he learned the carpenter's trade, and worked at it a few years as a journeyman. He then formed a partnership styled Plummer & Jones, and manufactured sashes and blinds some two years, then selling out his interest, he worked a short time as an employee of the firm. He next entered the bedstead factory as a machinist, and remained there until the factory shut down for several years, when he returned to his trade, and has followed it industriously ever since. In 1870 he bought a lot on the corner of Well and South Main Streets, and built a fine home and barn.

Mr. Jones was married, March 31, 1859, to Miss Emily E. Goodhue, a daughter of Theophilus and Eliza (Conant) Goodhue, and granddaughter of George Conant, born in Concord, Mass., April 7, 1771. Eunice, his wife, was born in Bolton, Mass., March 16, 1772. Theophilus Goodhue was born in Enfield, March 21, 1801, and during his early years taught school, in which profession he became very proficient and successful, and taught many years. He then bought his father's farm, and settled down to farming; he retired from active labor when his years began to weigh upon him, and died at our subject's home, Dec. 6, 1885. Eliza Conant, his wife, was born Nov. 23, 1807. His children were: Emily E., our subject's wife, who was born April 18, 1832; and Catherine W., who was born Dec. 12, 1835, and died April 4, 1861. Mr. Goodhue's wife was a daughter of George and Eunice Conant; she died Sept. 6, 1871, aged sixty-three years.

Our subject cast his first vote for Pierce, but since then has been a loyal Republican; he was state justice many years, served as selectman one year, and as tax collector four years. He is a very liberal supporter of the Congregational Church, and has been a leader in the choir for over thirty years. At the age of sixteen he began singing in the choir, and has been a member of it ever since, and could be able to count the times he has sung at funerals by the hundreds.

ALBERT L. HADLEY, prominent among the younger of Canaan's business men, was born in the above town, March 30, 1858. He is a son of George W. and Mary A. (Leavitt) Hadley, grandson of Moses and Almira (Proctor) Hadley, and great-grandson of Moses and Mary (Martin) Hadley.

Moses Hadley, Sr., was born May 1, 1769; his wife was born April 10, 1772; they were engaged throughout life in pursuits of an agricultural nature. Their children were: Relief, Sophia, Amos, Moses, Norman, and Lyman.

Moses Hadley, Jr., was born March 22, 1806, and died Dec. 3, 1872; his wife was born April 5, 1805. Their only son was George W., our subject's father, who was born in 1830, and died in 1893; he was for many years a prominent farmer of the town of Canaan, and a staunch Republican politically. He and his wife were devoted and faithful members of the Free Will Baptist Church. His wife is still living, and makes her home in Canaan; she was a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Austin) Leavitt of Northfield, N. H. Our subject's parents were blessed with two children: Albert L., the subject of this sketch; and Edwin S., who was born March 30, 1868.

Albert L. Hadley received his education at New Hampton Academy, and graduated from the Commercial Department in 1876, becoming associated with R. G. Chase & Co., of Geneva, N. Y., after leaving the academy. He was later in the employ of the Model Crayon Co. of Canaan, until 1892, when he took the agency for Swift & Co. of Chicago for two years.

Our subject married Mrs. Bertha E. Dow, widow of the late Harvey S. Dow, who died in Canaan at the age of forty-one, leaving as a legacy a beautiful home and three children; Edith, born June 27, 1878; Pearl E., Jan. 29, 1880; and Florence B., April 28, 1883. Our subject's wife was a daughter of Eleazer and Emeline A. (Durrell) Barney, and was born May 24, 1857. Mr. Barney was born in the town of Grafton, this county, and was engaged in mercantile trade throughout his life until his retirement, first in Grafton, and then in Canaan, where he bought out the firm of Currier & Wallace, and for a number of years carried on a flourishing business, where the Cardigan House is now located. His last business before his retirement was done in the handsome Barnard Block, which







WILBUR F. SMITH.

he bought, on the corner of Mechanic and Main Streets; he retired in 1870, and was succeeded by his two sons, Albert E. and Arthur J., under the firm name of Barney Bros. Mr. Barney owned a large quantity of real estate at his death, which occurred at the age of sixty-five. He was descended from Aaron Barney, the first of the family to come to New Hampshire, where he became the owner of as much as 3,000 acres of land, including a quarter of the town of Grafton, and farms in adjoining towns. Our subject has one son by a former marriage: George A., who was born Dec. 4, 1884. Mr. Hadley is a Republican, and a member of the Mt. Cardigan Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

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WILBUR F. SMITH, a retired farmer of Lebanon, N. H., was born in the town of Enfield, N. H., Sept. 27, 1844, and is a son of Daniel L. and Sophronia (Eastman) Smith, grandson of John and Betsey (Burnham) Smith, and great-grandson of John and Sarah Smith.

Our subject's great-grandfather was a fisherman of Essex, Mass. His son John was reared to the same calling and followed it for many years; he was a practical boat-builder, building boats and using them for a time, then selling them and making more. In 1806, becoming tired of life by the water with its perils and dangers and desiring a quiet country life on a farm, he came to Enfield, N. H., and purchased the farm now owned by Eben R. Dustin, where he ever afterward followed the calling of a farmer, except for the carpentry work that he performed in the neighborhood. Both he and his wife lived to an advanced age to enjoy the fruits of their early years. Their children were: Lucy, who died in her youth; Betsey A.; Daniel L.; Ziba, who died at the age of twenty-one; John B.; George W.; Lucy W.; and Joshua P.

Our subject's father, Daniel L. Smith, was born in Essex and came to Enfield when a child two years old with his father. Upon reaching manhood's years he married Miss Mary Flanders, daughter of Moses and Annie (Currier) Flanders; he bought the Flanders farm, which was located on Methodist Hill, and carried on general farming there. With the profits of his

work he bought one piece of land after another, until he was a landed proprietor of some 600 acres. He died at the age of seventy-eight years after a long life of hard work; he could never remain inactive, was continually on the move, and so was able to become well-fixed in this world's possessions. In politics he was a Democrat and served as representative in 1852-53, and as selectman. He was a member in good standing of the M. E. Church. His wife died at an early age, leaving two children to survive her: Ann C. married L. F. Webster, and resides in Canaan, N. H.; Mary F. died at the age of forty-four. Two other children were born to them, but died when infants. Mr. Smith married as his second wife Sophronia, daughter of James Eastman of Canaan; she died at the age of sixty-two. She bore our subject's father two children: Wilbur F., and Moses F. E., who died at the age of seven.

Wilbur F. Smith attended the district schools and Newbury Seminary, and, being the only son living, at his father's request remained on the homestead and carried on farming operations. He has dealt considerably in real estate, having bought and sold several farms; the home surroundings have been improved and made to take on a prosperous and well-to-do appearance; the buildings have been altered to meet the requirements of improved methods in farming. Our subject gave his parents the best of care and attention in their last days, as a slight payment of the fostering care bestowed upon him when he was too young to care for himself. He has been called upon to settle many estates, and has done considerable business in the probate line. He has always been a Democrat, giving his support to the regular nominees of his party. He has held many offices of trust; he served the town six years as selectman, and was superintendent of the school board for two years; was county commissioner in 1891-92, and was registrar of deeds of Grafton Co. in 1894.

Mr. Smith married Marie A., daughter of Winthrop Sargent of Claremont, and she has borne him three children. The eldest, Daniel L., was born Sept. 13, 1867; graduated from Dartmouth College in 1891, and entered the Harvard Law School, from which he received his diploma in 1894, being admitted to the bar for the practice of his profession in the same year. In 1895



he was admitted to the bar of New York and is in practice in New York City, being connected with the law firm of Evarts, Choate & Beaman, at the same time having an office of his own. He married Miss Virginia Scott Yates of Washington, D. C., daughter of the late Hon. Jesse Yates, member of Congress from North Carolina, and has one child, Marie V. The second child of our subject was Wilfred O., born April 25, 1869; he is the proprietor of a book and news store in Lebanon. He married Lottie Bishop, daughter of H. D. Bishop of Littleton. The youngest child, Harold E., born May 2, 1882, resides with his parents and is attending school.

In 1890 Mr. Smith retired from active business and moved to Lebanon, where he bought the George Billings house, No. 26 School Street; he lives in Lebanon, but has not given up the personal supervision of his farm. He is a member and Past Master of Franklin Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M. He is Past High Priest of St. Andrews Chapter, No. 1, and has held offices in Washington Council, No. 10; he is also a member of Sullivan Commandery, No. 6, of Claremont, N. H., and of E. A. Raymond Consistory of Nashua, and a member of the Council of High Priesthood.

He and wife are active members of the Methodist Church, Mr. Smith having been an officer in the church for thirty years.

As a representative farmer of the town of Lebanon and as one who has made a success out of his chosen vocation and risen to a high place in the estimation of his fellow-townsmen, it affords us great pleasure in presenting his portrait, which appears on a page near at hand.

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GEORGE F. SMITH, passenger conductor on the Boston & Maine R. R., is the only living child of Charles B. and Mary B. (Foss) Smith, natives of the State of Maine. Charles B. Smith was the son of Samuël Smith, Sr., who was a farmer; his wife was a Miss Bixby, who was of English descent.

Charles B. Smith, the third child in a family of twelve, was born in Belgrade, Me., Dec. 19, 1814, and died in Woodsville, N. H., Aug. 27, 1880.

He resided in his native State until 1854, when he removed to Union Village, Vt., living there ten years. His life was devoted to the manufacture of shovel handles; in 1864 he came to Woodsville, then a hamlet of four or five houses, and established a saw and grist-mill, entering upon the manufacture of shovel handles, which was the special feature of his work, and also axe-handles; he built a box-factory in addition to his other industries. The entire plant was destroyed by fire on the 10th of December, 1878. He was preparing to rebuild, when he died. He will long be remembered for his benevolences in worthy causes, and for his open-handed liberality; the Episcopal Church, the first church edifice erected in Woodsville, was indebted to him for the site and the foundation. What is now the new part of the village of Woodsville was formerly owned and controlled by him. He served as postmaster from 1870 to the time of his death; he did not attend personally to the duties incumbent on that office, but employed competent deputies, assuming all the responsibility himself. While a resident of Maine he was quarter-master of militia on the Governor's staff; his sword and saddle-bags are now owned by our subject, who takes great pride in them.

Charles B. Smith was married May 1, 1842, at St. Albans, Me., to Mary B. Foss, a native of Buxton, Me. She was the daughter of Moses and Hannah (Goggins) Foss, both natives of Maine. Moses Foss was a son of Moses and Betsey (Bradley) Foss. Hannah Goggins was the granddaughter of Patrick Goggins, a native of Ireland. Moses Foss, Jr., was a fifer in the militia service, and was called out in the War of 1812, but not sent to the front. His daughter, Mary B. Foss, our subject's mother, at the age of eighty, was the youngest of five living sisters.

George F. Smith, the subject of this sketch, was born in Milo, Me., May 1, 1848. At the age of six, he went with his parents to Union Village, Vt., where he first attended school. In 1864, when his parents moved to Woodsville, he attended Thetford Academy for two years, and spent a short time at Newbury Academy. When the halcyon days of school life were over, he worked two years in his father's mills and shops; he then became selling agent for Lewis, Bartor & Co., wholesale flour and grain dealers of Concord, N. H.

In 1872 he began railroading, as a brakeman, and after two years, he accepted a position as baggage-master, in which capacity he was engaged for eight years. For the past fifteen years he has been a passenger conductor on the B. & M. R. R., making Woodsville his home. During the years Mr. Smith has been connected with the railroad he has witnessed the following changes in the management of the road. When he first began, twenty-five years ago, the road was styled the Boston, Concord & Montreal, which soon leased its lines to the Boston & Lowell Co., which, in turn, sub-leased its privileges to the Boston & Maine Co. The next step was that the Concord line bought the road, and later transferred it to the Boston & Maine, which now operates nearly every mile of railroad in the State.

Our subject was married in Woodsville, July 16, 1867, to Miss Harriet F. White, a native of Wells River, Vt. She was the daughter of John G. and Susan (Sanborn) White, both natives of New Hampshire. Susan Sanborn was the daughter of John Sanborn, a shoemaker of Grafton Co. John G. White was born in Lebanon, and was a drover and a farmer; he was a son of Jacob White, who was born at Old Haverhill, or Newburyport, Mass., whence he came to Grafton Co., with his parents through the woods, in 1774 or 1775, being carried on horseback by his mother. The family resided a few years in Lebanon, and then his father built a house and a mill in the country, in 1779. The house is still standing, and the old hall clock, now in the possession of Charles Griswold of Woodsville, which was brought to the house soon after the house was built, is still ticking off the hours as well as if its age was not over one hundred years. Jacob White married Fannie, daughter of Jesse Cook, one of the early settlers of Lebanon.

To our subject and his wife have been born six children: Philip C., an engineer on the B. & M. R. R., married Jane Stevens of Woodsville, and has one child, Henry Foss Smith; George A., is a civil engineer in the employ of the B. & M. R. R.; Charles O. is bookkeeper and stenographer for the Burton Stock Car Co., of Chicago, Ill.; Mary E. and Harry S. are at home; Marguerite T. died Feb. 9, 1892; Phillip C. early developed a marked taste for art, in which he gave every

promise of making a success, had he not turned his attention to mechanical engineering. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are attendants at the Episcopal Church. He is a member of Kane Lodge, No. 4, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter, No. 5; St. Girard Commandery, K. T.; Edward A. Raymond Consistory of Nashua; and Mt. Sinai Shrine of the Eastern Star Chapter; and member of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F. He is also a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, No. 157, of Boston. With his wife he is a member of the Mary A. Glidden Lodge, No. 45, of Daughter of Rebecca. In politics he is a Republican.

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JOHN CURRIER, one of the leading farmers and business men of the town of Canaan, was born in the house he now owns, and where he resides, Jan. 8, 1841. He is a son of James and Louisa (Wier) Currier, and a grandson of John and Lois (Morse) Currier. John Currier was a son of Deacon John and Sarah (Clark) Currier of Hopkinton, N. H., the former of whom was a son of Nathan and Mehitabel (Silver) Currier; Nathan Currier was a son of Joseph and Sarah (Brown) Currier, the former of whom was a son of Deacon Thomas Currier, and a grandson of Richard Currier, the first Currier to come to the New World.

Richard Currier, a son of James Currier of Strawberry Bank, near Glasgow, Scotland, was born in 1617, and came to America some time prior to 1640. His first wife Ann left him several children at her death; his second wife, Joanna Rowell, widow of William Sargent, bore him two children: Hannah and Thomas.

Deacon Thomas Currier was born in this country, March 8, 1646, and married Mary Osgood, Dec. 3, 1668, and was blessed with twelve children, as follows: Hannah, Thomas, Richard, Samuel, William, John, Benjamin, Joseph, Ebenezer, Daniel, Mary, and Ann. They lived in Amesbury, Mass., where Deacon Thomas settled in early life. He died in 1712.

Joseph Currier was born in Amesbury, Mass., in 1674; married Sarah Brown Dec. 9, 1708, and reared the following children: Nathan, Joseph, Ephraim, Abner, Sarah, Hannah, Anna, Mary, and Mariam.



The next in the line of descent was Nathan, who was born in Amesbury, Mass., Nov. 16, 1710; his children were: John, Seth, John, Sarah, Anne, Daniel, Hannah, and Nathan.

Deacon John Currier, a son of Nathan, and great-grandfather of our subject, was next in the line of descent. He was born in Amesbury, Mass., May 1, 1737, and in 1766 moved to Hopkinton, N. H., where he followed farming till his death, which took place Dec. 23, 1804. His children were: John, Clark, Seth, Anna, Amos, Sarah, Hannah, Stephen, Priscilla, and James.

John Currier, our subject's grandfather, was born in Hopkinton, N. H., Jan. 6, 1762, and settled in the town of Canaan at what is known today as the west farms, in the spring of 1783, and was married in the following September; in 1804 he traded for the Jonathan Tucker farm, the one where our subject lives; on his farm he built for a residence a large two-story house, finely furnished with spacious halls. In addition to his work as a farmer, he was also a lawyer, and held court in his large front rooms, and was always known and addressed as Squire Currier. In his time he settled many of the estates of the early settlers. He was a prominent man, and served as selectman several years, and did considerable town and county business. He died May 10, 1826; his wife preceded him to the better world Oct. 17, 1816, aged fifty-five years. Their children were: Anna, Sarah, Hannah, James, Lois, Permelia, and Clarissa.

Our subject's father, James Currier, was born in the town of Canaan, Nov. 2, 1791, and was married Jan. 4, 1837; being the only son, he bought out his sister's interests in the homestead, and always lived there, being a very successful agriculturist, keeping a large dairy and a flock of sheep. He died May 22, 1846. His wife married as her second husband Isaac W. Perkins, and died Sept. 22, 1855. Our subject's parents had only two children: Mary, born Nov. 20, 1838, married William Allen Wallace, now deceased, who was one of the leading business men of Canaan; his wife now resides on Canaan Street.

John Currier, the other child, and the only son, at thirteen years of age took charge of the farm, and has always lived there, and cared for his parents. He keeps a fine dairy, and owns a resi-

dence in the village, and other property; during his life he has bought and sold considerable real estate, and has been most active in business. He served in 1877-78-79 as third selectman, in 1886 and 1892 as second selectman, and in 1894-95-96 as first selectman, and was elected again in 1897.

He married Mrs. Mary Puffer, widow of the late C. H. Puffer, who died leaving three children to the care of his wife, namely: Jennie M., Minnie B., and Elmer S. Mrs. Currier was a daughter of Daniel and Charlotte Richardson, both of whom died young; Daniel Richardson was a farmer by occupation. Our subject has taken a great interest in schools and churches, and although not a professor of religion, he is a liberal supporter of each of the churches in the town, being clerk of the Congregational Society, and is trustee of the M. E. Church.

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JOSEPH WILLIS, a contractor and builder of Woodsville, N. H., was born at Briar Hill, town of Haverhill, Aug. 9, 1841, and is a son of Jabez Rockwell and Louise A. (Ward) Willis, and a grandson of Jetholeal Willis, a native of the bonny land of Scotland. Our subject's grandfather was very short and stout, yet was an active man up to the age of eighty; his calling was that of a farmer. He died at the age of ninety-five, in 1862.

Jabez Rockwell Willis was born in the town of Haverhill, Grafton Co., Aug. 15, 1810, and died March, 1895. He was a carpenter and builder, and, as was the custom before the common use of planing-mills throughout the country, made his own doors, sashes, blinds, etc., during the winter months, in preparation for the next summer's work. About the year 1835 he was married to Louisa A., daughter of Simon Ward, whose first wife, our subject's grandmother, died at an early age, Mr. Ward marrying a second time. Mr. Ward was of Irish descent; he was a minuteman in the Revolution, for which he drew a pension in his old age; he died at the age of ninety-seven, being a very active man to the very last. His daughter, Louisa A., was born in 1813, and departed this life in 1883.

Joseph Willis enlisted in the service Aug. 14, 1862, in Co. G., 11th N. H. Vol. Inf., five days



before his majority, and was mustered into the service Sept. 2, 1862, serving until June 4, 1865. He was mustered out of the service at Annapolis, Md., and received his discharge at Concord, N. H., a few weeks later. He enlisted as a private, but after about six weeks it was found out that he was a musician, and there being a dearth of good musicians he was transferred to the Brigade Band. During the various campaigns through which he served, he traversed nineteen States. In the siege of Knoxville, he was nearly starved to death; for a time a handful of coarse cornmeal was their daily ration, and for two days they were not fortunate enough to receive even that; the fast was broken with two small ears of raw corn. He received one flesh wound, which was not serious, but very painful; at the time he was shot, he was within 100 feet of the rebel picket line.

After his service in the army he returned to Haverhill, and for the two ensuing years worked on his father's farm. In 1867 and 1868, he worked in Warren, at logging. He learned the carpenter's trade of his father, and in 1876 he came to Woodsville, which he has since made his home; his trade has given him the opportunity of building many of the fine homes of Woodsville and the surrounding country. He was married Oct. 24, 1866, to Abbie F., daughter of Isaac and Jane (Kimball) Stevens of Haverhill. Isaac Stevens was a son of Isaac Stevens, Sr., who lived to a good old age. Jane Kimball was a daughter of Francis Kimball, of Irish descent.

As the result of this union, our subject and his wife have been made the parents of five children: Lizzie Belle is the wife of Nelson J. Miller, an engineer living in Woodsville; they have three children, Linn W., Harold R., and Pearl F.; Charles Simon is a brakeman on the B. & M. R. R.; Lena J. is the wife of Robert Park; they have one child, Mona M., a clerk in E. B. Miller's store; Louise A. married George Kendall, registrar of deeds, whose sketch appears in full on another page of this volume; Ethelyn B. is at home with her parents. Mr. Willis is an attendant of the Universalist Church, while the rest of the family frequent the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the G. A. R., Nathaniel Westgate Post, No. 50, of North Haverhill.

GEORGE H. GORDON, of Canaan, representative to the State Legislature, now serving his second term, and also station agent of the Boston & Maine Railroad, at Canaan, N. H., was born in the above town Sept. 27, 1859. He is a son of Capt. William and Augusta (Sleeper) Gordon, and grandson of Simeon L. and Ruth (Cheney) Gordon. Our subject's grandfather early in life carried on the manufacture of paper and straw board, at Ashland, N. H. He was a very progressive man, and full of business to his very finger tips, retiring from active business at the age of seventy years, and leading a life not entirely devoid of activity for twenty-two years thereafter, dying at the age of ninety-two. He was held in the highest esteem by his many acquaintances, and was a kind neighbor to the poor, and not at all a harsh or exacting man to his employees in the factory, especially those who were learning the business. His wife died at the age of seventy-five. Their children were: Henry L., William, Mary L., Hannah, Sally, Emma, Ann, and Clemmie.

Capt. William Gordon was born in Ashland, N. H., which at that time was known as Holder-ness township, and upon arriving at a suitable age assisted his father in the management of the factory. He moved to Canaan and engaged in the manufacture of straw board; then at a subsequent period he went to Potter Place, Merrimac Co., N. H., where he manufactured straw wrapping-paper two years, and then ran the hotel, and was postmaster for four years. He is now retired. He enlisted in 1861, in Co. F., 15th N. H. Vol. Inf., as its captain, and served thirteen months; at the end of that time he was discharged for disability, having been wounded. He married Augusta, daughter of David Sleeper of Augusta, Me., and eight children were born to them: Charles; Frank; Will; Clemmie A.; Frank L. (2nd); Ella; Mary E.; and George Henry, the subject of this sketch. All of them are living to-day with the exception of Frank, Mary E., and Ella.

George H. Gordon received his education at Proctor's Academy, Andover, N. H., and at sixteen years of age became assistant to the station agent at Danbury, N. H., and in 1877, was appointed station agent of that place, and remained there until 1886, when he came to Canaan to succeed A. M. Shackford, and has since filled his

position with entire satisfaction to the B. & M. Co., and to the citizens of Canaan. So well has he won the respect of his fellow-citizens that in 1893 he was sent to the Legislature to represent the town of Canaan, and was re-elected in 1894 and 1895. Being a stanch Republican he was also a member of the school board, to which he has been a valued member, and is now serving his ninth term as town clerk. Socially he is a member of the Kearsarge Lodge, F. & A. M.; St. Andrews Chapter, R. A. M.; and also to the Mt. Cardigan Lodge, No. 31, K. of P.

Mr. Gordon married Miss Emma F. Noyes, daughter of Enoch Noyes of Canaan, and has had six children, namely: Ralph W., born Feb. 25, 1882; Leila M., born Dec. 15, 1883, died at the age of ten; Earl C., born Dec. 12, 1887; Harold, born Dec. 21, 1889; Vaughan, born May 7, 1892; and Mamie, born Oct. 7, 1893.

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GEORGE H. KENDALL, a citizen of Woodsville, and registrar of deeds of Grafton Co., was born in Bristol, N. H., June 23, 1865; he attended school until he was thirteen years old; ever since that period in his life he has been practically self-sustaining.

At that age he ventured into business circles on a capital of six cents, which he invested in lemons, and conducted a lemonade stand in his father's front yard. This brought him profitable returns, and the next season he enlarged his facilities by erecting a booth, 5x7 feet, where the tent had formerly stood, and adding to his stock a line of candy, nuts, fruit, etc., and other such delicacies, that appeal especially to youthful fancies; for five or six seasons, he carried on his business in these small quarters. About 1886 he had prospered sufficiently to build a large store, and to do business on a very much larger scale, that amounted to such respectable proportions, that in 1894, when Mr. Kendall was elected to his present office, the business reached the sum of \$5,000 a year. On assuming the duties of his office he sold the business and leased the building.

Mr. Kendall's fight in the convention for his nomination exhibited more forcibly those energetic and forceful traits of character that have secured his present success in life, and made him

respected in all the trade circles of the town. Going into the convention as a man unknown to the political managers, and to most of the delegates, he received twenty-seven votes on the first ballot, and on the eighth came out ahead with flying colors, with votes to spare, receiving forty-nine. Since his election Mr. Kendall has made his home in Woodsville.

Our subject is a son of Hiram W. and Lucy A. (Hinman) Kendall, natives of Bristol, N. H., and Dorset, Vt., respectively. Lucy A. Hinman was born in Dorset, Vt., and resides at Bristol, on the old homestead. George Kendall's father was born June 21, 1828, and died Feb. 29, 1896; he conducted a tin business until his health failed him, when he disposed of it, and took an interest in a bedstead factory. He was a son of Ebenezer and Nancy (Allen) Kendall. The former was a millwright by trade, and also an owner of mills. He built the first grist and saw-mill in what was known as Slab Village, bringing the brick, with which he built the chimney, seven miles across the lake in a row-boat, laying a boat-load each day, and returning at night to bring over a fresh supply in the morning. He also built and owned three-fourths of all the houses in the village, his own being the first house there. This Ebenezer Kendall, grandfather of our subject, was the third of that name in direct descent. The second Ebenezer was a cooper by trade, and made his home at Hebron. The first Ebenezer was a landed proprietor of early Colonial days; he was not a tradesman or craftsman, as evidenced by deeds, in which he is denominated Ebenezer Kendall, Gent. The family is of English descent, and settled first in Massachusetts.

George H. Kendall was married the first time, in the fall of 1886, to Miss Kate I. Hadley, a native of White River Junction, Vt. Her death occurred in Bristol, N. H., Nov. 1, 1894. To them were born three children: Nellie A., Georgia I., and Rupert H. On May 16, 1896, he was married to Louise A. Willis, Rev. Walcott officiating; Mrs. Kendall is a daughter of Joseph Willis, whose sketch appears on another page of this work. Mr. Kendall is a member of the Union Lodge, No. 79, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all the official chairs. He is also attached to the Masonic Order, holding a membership in the lodge at Bristol.







CHARLES M. HILDRETH.

CHARLES M. HILDRETH, president of the National Bank of Lebanon, N. H., and senior member of the firm of C. M. Hildreth & Son, dealers in hardware, was born in the town of Plainfield, Sullivan Co., N. H., April 12, 1831. He is a son of Salmon and Lois (Robinson) Hildreth, and a grandson of Samuel and Zylphia (Gilbert) Hildreth.

Samuel Hildreth's native place was Ipswich, Mass., from which he came to Cornish, Sullivan Co., when a young man and took up some 300 acres of timber land, heavily wooded. He at once set about the laborious task of clearing it, and being a very hard worker and very industrious, he soon had a goodly portion cleared and ready for cultivation. In later life, after fortune had dealt kindly with him, he erected a fine set of buildings; one of his barns was 100 feet long, and the sills and the ridge-pole were hewn from one log; it is still standing as the best representative of the pioneer carpentry. Having learned the millwright's and carpenter's trade, he did considerable work in that line for his neighbors; he became a leading man of his community, especially well known for his ability in making money and accumulating property. His energy and perseverance knew no insurmountable obstacle; whatever he set out to do, that he was sure to do, and perform it well. He died in 1840 at the age of seventy-six; his wife had passed the octogenarian mark when the invisible summons came to her. Seven children were born to them, of whom the last five grew up to maturity, the others dying young. The record reads as follows: Betsey, Salmon, James, Chloe, Manning. Samuel Hildreth was a Democrat in politics. He held a commission as captain of a company in the State militia, and took his men in the War of 1812 as minutemen to Portsmouth to protect that seaport from attack.

Salmon Hildreth was born in the town of Cornish, and there spent his boyhood days; he remained under the paternal roof till he had reached the years of manhood, when he went to Plainfield and carried on a small foundry for a while. Following this venture, he took up the manufacture of small woodwork, and was engaged at it at the time of his death at the age of sixty-six; death resulted from a tumor in his side. His wife, who was the daughter of James R. Robinson of Reading, Vt., died at the age of

eighty-five. Her father was a soldier in the War of 1812, his native place being Lexington, Mass. Mr. Hildreth was a public-spirited man and held some of the town offices, being elected on the Democratic ticket. He was a Universalist in his religious views. The following children were born of his union with Lois Robinson: James H., Samuel, Rosella, Charles M., Oscar D., and Eliza A.

Charles M. Hildreth obtained his schooling in the public schools of his neighborhood, and in Claremont Academy. After completing his education he went to Windsor, Vt., and entered the service of the armory, being engaged in making guns. He did not continue long in his labors at that place, but soon gave up his job there and removed to Hartford, Conn., to work for the Colts, manufacturers of pistols and guns. In 1856 he came to Lebanon, N. H., and purchased the Ingham interest in the firm of Ingham & Hildreth, our subject's brother being the other partner. Until 1862 the firm was composed of J. H. and C. M. Hildreth; the business was wholesale and retail dealing in hardware, the stock being mainly made up of agricultural implements. In 1862 J. H. Hildreth enlisted as lieutenant in the United States service as a sharpshooter; later on he was on Gen. Gibbon's staff. Soon after he entered the army he disposed of his interest in the store, and his brother, C. M. Hildreth, continued in the business until 1878, when he took his son, Charles E. Hildreth, as partner under the firm name of C. M. Hildreth & Son. The firm of Hildreth & Son have built up one of the largest hardware business in the county, and are to be congratulated on their fine showing. Mr. Hildreth is well known in business circles as a man whose word is as good as gold, who was never known to shirk any obligation, no matter how much it cost him.

Our subject became one of the directors of the National Bank in Jan. 8, 1884, and Jan. 14, 1890, was elected its president, and has held the same position ever since; he is also vice-president and trustee of the Lebanon Savings Bank. He has a fine residence on Bank Street, No. 31; the house was bought of Z. Huntington, and has been greatly improved by Mr. Hildreth. He also owns a summer cottage at Mascoma Lake, which makes a pleasant summer resort during the heated spell of the summer. Our subject

may be always relied on to be a member of any movement looking toward the improvement of the town and village of Lebanon. In 1874 and 1875 he represented the town in the Legislature, and created a very favorable impression among other legislators as to his fitness for legislative halls. He is a Republican. He is a liberal supporter of the Congregational Church, of which his wife was a devout member. He married Miss Dorcas White, daughter of Josiah White of Williamstown, Vt. She was born in 1831 and departed this life in 1889. Of the four children born to them, the eldest, Charles E., is a partner in the hardware business with his father; he married Miss Carrie M. Spencer, who has presented him with two children, of whom Florence B. is living. Helen M. died when an infant. Annie B. lives at home. Harry M. was born in 1858 and died in 1879. C. Frances has made a special study of music, and is now very accomplished in her art; she also lives at home.

The portrait of Mr. Hildreth, accompanying this sketch, will doubtless be welcomed by many of the people of Grafton Co., and especially of his town of Lebanon, and accordingly it is with pleasure that we present it.

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SIMEON CURRIER, who is engaged in farming on his farm on the South Road, near the village of West Canaan, N. H., was born in Norwich, Vt., Feb. 23, 1839, and is a son of Samuel Quimby and Mahala (Blaisdell) Currier, and grandson of Abel Currier, the son of Simeon, the son of Gideon, the son of Benjamin, the son of Thomas, the son of Richard Currier.

Capt. Richard Currier, who was a son of James Currier of Strawberry Bank, near Glasgow, Scotland, was born in 1617, and came to America some time prior to 1640, the exact date is now known. He had several children by his first wife, Ann. His second wife, Joanna Rowell, widow of William Sargent, bore him two children: Hannah and Thomas.

Deacon Thomas Currier was born in America, March 8, 1646, and married Mary Osgood, and was blessed with twelve children, as follows: Hannah, Thomas, Richard, Samuel, William, John, Benjamin, Joseph, Ebenezer, Daniel,

Mary, and Ann. They lived in Amesbury, Mass., where Deacon Thomas settled in early life.

The seventh son of the former, Benjamin, was next in the line of descent; he was born March 27, 1688, and lived in Amesbury, Mass., where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits all of his life, and reared a large family.

Gideon Currier, the former's son, was born in Amesbury, Mass., in 1712, and lived and died there.

Simeon Currier, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born on the homestead in Amesbury, in 1745, and settled in Chester, N. H., where he reared a large family of children; he was a farmer by occupation.

Abel Currier, our subject's grandfather, was born in Chester, N. H., Feb. 14, 1782, and married Miss Quimby, by whom he had seven children: John, Samuel, Quimby, Abigail, Ann, Mary, Betsey, and James. Our subject's grandfather later settled in Dunbarton, N. H., where he died, and where many of his children were born. He followed blacksmithing all of his days, and owned a home and other property in Chester; both he and his wife lived to a good old age.

Samuel Quimby Currier, our subject's father, was born in Dunbarton, N. H., Oct. 15, 1805, and after serving an apprenticeship at the trade of a blacksmith, he went to Norwich, Vt., where he lit his forge, and followed his trade throughout his life, and being a natural mechanic, he was noted far and wide as a very skilled workman. He died at the age of sixty-seven, and his wife about the age of sixty. She was a daughter of Levi Blaisdell. Our subject's parents' children were: Abel; Samuel H.; Simeon, our subject; George; Henry; Lewis; Henry, 2nd; and Ellen. Mr. Currier was a Democrat, but never an aspirant for any office.

Our subject attended the district schools, worked at farming, and at twenty years of age or thereabouts, enlisted in Co. H., 7th Reg. Vt. Vol. Inf.; the enlistment was dated in 1862, and read for three years' service, but Mr. Currier was taken sick, was sent to a hospital, and from there honorably discharged. In 1863 he entered the employ of Pattee & Perley in their saw-mills in Canaan, where he worked as sawyer until his failing health compelled him to retire from that kind of work in 1893, having been in the employ of this firm thirty years. He purchased for his



home on the South Road, town of Canaan, the Daniel Pattee farm, handsomely located, and embracing in its extent some very fertile land. In his few years residence, he has brought the farm up to a high point of excellence, making many improvements, which will last and give real value to the property. Our subject's only child and son, Samuel W. Currier, has charge of the farm, and keeps a choice dairy, and a flock of fancy-bred sheep. Our subject married Miss Clymena Johnson, daughter of Wayne Johnson of Norwich, Vt. Samuel W., our subject's son, was born Oct. 29, 1858, and married Etta M. Hadley, a daughter of Norman Hadley, a farmer of Canaan, and has two children: Eva L., born April 21, 1879; and Samuel H., born Sept. 17, 1888. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations. Our subject is a Democrat, and a member of the Social Lodge, F. & A. M.; and also of the G. A. R. Post.

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HON. CHARLES H. WEBSTER, the genial and popular proprietor of the Webster House of Enfield, N. H., was born in the same town where he now lives, March 1, 1845, and is a son of Clifton C. Webster and Mahala M. Huse.

Our subject's father was born in Enfield, N. H., and learned, when a young man, the shoemaker's trade, following it more or less throughout his life. He also owned a farm, now the property of our subject, and was occupied in farming in his last days. He had six children, namely: William C., Angeline F., Sarah H., Clifton C., Emma E., and Charles H.

Our subject assisted his father till he reached his majority, when he went into the meat business as clerk, and was thus engaged for some years. Upon his father's death, he bought the farm and stayed with his mother there, carrying on general farming; during his stay on the farm he made many improvements, and rebuilt the structures thereon, so that the value of the property has greatly increased.

In 1888 Mr. Webster bought the hotel, now familiar as the Webster House, but then well known as the Kenyon House; he has been forward in making all the improvements that will add to the comfort of his guests, and it is the

testimony, voluntarily given, of many, who have had occasion to stop at his hostelry, that he sets the best table in New Hampshire. He has won many friends by his courteous and pleasant manner, and makes his house a home with home comforts to the traveling public; outside of the transients, who visit him for a night or for several days, he has quite a number of resident boarders. Mr. Webster is not only very popular, but highly thought of, as is evidenced by his holding the various offices of selectman, town treasurer, and as representative in the State Legislature in 1893. He is a member of the Helping Hand Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 95.

Mr. Webster married Alice, daughter of Thomas J. and Charlotte C. (Eastman) Pillsbury, and has two children: Val M. and Ethel C. Mrs. Webster is a granddaughter of Major Moses Pillsbury, who was born and lived in Springfield, N. H.; that portion of the town where he lived was during his life made a part of the town of Grantham. He was the first selectman ever elected in the town of Grantham, and continued to serve in that capacity for many years. He was a Baptist in religious belief; he was a leading man in the town, and bore an excellent reputation as a first-class farmer. He and his wife died about the age of eighty-nine. Their children were: Martha, Ezra, Greenough, Thomas J., Lewis, Charles, Moses, Phebe, and Betsey. Thomas J. Pillsbury, Mrs. Webster's father, was born in Corydon, and adopted the occupation of a farmer, owning and operating at different times farms in Corydon, Sunapee Harbor, Grantham, Plainfield, and Enfield, living in the latter place thirty-two years, and dying there May 10, 1891, aged almost eighty-eight years. His first marriage resulted in four children: Eliza C., who died at the age of thirty-one; Rossilla; Abbie; and Dudley. His second wife, born Aug. 26, 1816, was a daughter of Jeremiah and Betsey (Leverett) Eastman, and is still enjoying the best of health, making her home with her son, Joseph S. Pillsbury; she is extremely active, and does not look even sixty years old. Time, that ruthless destroyer of beauty, has been very kind to her, and exceedingly gentle in placing the burden of years on her brow. Mr. Pillsbury's second marriage was blessed with five children: Addie; Clarence; Marcellus; Joseph S.; and Alice, now Mrs. Webster.

FERNANDO C. GALE, an engineer on the B. & M. R. R., was born in Haverhill, N. H., May 26, 1858, and is a son of Frank Blood and Susan M. (Carter) Gale. Frank Blood Gale was born in Alexandria, N. H., Oct. 10, 1819, and was the eleventh in a family of twelve children. On Jan. 7, 1845, he was married to Abigail Carleton, who was born March 23, 1827, and died Sept. 9, 1853. To them were born six children, of whom three survive: George, who lives at Brier Hill; Abbie, the wife of William Shattuck of Wellesley, Mass.; and Charles, who resides in North Haverhill Village. On the second occasion of our subject's father's marriage, June 13, 1855, the bride was Susan M., daughter of Jeremiah and Emeline (Morrill) Carter. Jeremiah Carter was born in Linton, Vt., and adopted the occupation of a farmer; he removed to Arkansas a short time before the war. During the turbulent times of the Civil War, he was captured by a rebel press-gang, who were endeavoring to force his sons into the Confederate Army, and, upon his firm refusal to disclose their hiding-place, was taken to Little Rock, Ark., and wore out his life in a rebel prison. His daughter, Susan M., was born in the State of New York, May 22, 1828, the second child in a family of eleven children. Her mother was Emeline, daughter of Benjamin and Betsey (Clement) Morrill. From the time of his second marriage till his death in North Haverhill, May 31, 1877, he was occupied in the trade of a blacksmith; before his marriage he was engaged in farming, also overseeing at a later period a small farm in connection with his blacksmithing. His second union was blessed with six children, of whom three are now living: Fernando C., our subject; and the two youngest, Ora E., wife of Will S. Clough, who farms the old homestead, and operates a creamery near North Haverhill; and Emma J., the wife of Arthur S. Farnham of North Haverhill. Mr. and Mrs. Gale were members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Gale was a Mason, and belonged to the A. F. & A. M. Lodge at Haverhill Corners. Mrs. Gale, since her husband's death, has been a very constant resident on the old homestead, living with her son-in-law, Will S. Clough, at present.

Fernando C. Gale attended the village schools, and finished his education at Newbury Academy at the age of eighteen. He then worked in his

father's blacksmith shop until he became of age, when he bought a small farm, which he worked in connection with his trade. In 1880 he went into the railroad shops at Woodsville, where he worked one year, then becoming a fireman. He fired on the engine four years, when he received orders to take charge of an engine, and has had his hand on the throttle ever since. He has been in one serious wreck, which occurred in Tilton yard, but escaped without an injury.

Nov. 25, 1880, he was married in North Haverhill, to Mary M. Carr, who was born on Brier Hill, and is a daughter of C. F. and Kate M. (Mason) Carr, an interesting account of whom will be found in full on another page in this work. The family was of English origin, dating back in its American ancestry to George Carr, who was born in London, and came to Plymouth in the Mayflower, in 1620, settling in Massachusetts. Mrs. F. C. Gale is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Gale is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Division No. 335. In his political attachments he is a Republican. To the subject of this notice and his wife has been given one son, Leroy E., born Nov. 12, 1882.

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ISAAC N. EASTMAN, M. D., a prominent physician of Woodsville, N. H., is a native of Topsham, Vt., where he was born July 25, 1866. He is the son of Alexander W. and Lucy A. (Caldwell) Eastman, grandson of Isaac and Sophrona (Smith) Eastman, and great-grandson of Samuel Eastman.

Samuel Eastman was generally known as "Black Sam," because of his swarthy complexion; he was short of stature, but fully made up for that defect by being uncommonly wiry and hardy.

Our subject's grandparents have reached the advanced ages of eighty-six and eighty-five years. They were born on the line between New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Sophrona Smith was a daughter of Dr. Alonzo Smith, an old-style doctor, well versed in the medicinal properties of roots and herbs.

Alexander W. Eastman was born in 1841 and is a leading agriculturist and fruit-grower of



Newbury, Vt. His apple orchard is probably the largest in that State; the aggregate product in 1896 amounted to 1,000 barrels, and was gathered from trees which had just commenced to bear. His wife, Lucy A. Caldwell, born in 1843, was a daughter of David and Sallie (Brewster) Caldwell, both of whom were natives of Topsham, Vt. The former, a farmer by occupation, lived to be seventy-nine years of age. Sallie Brewster, who departed this life in June, 1876, aged seventy-eight, was one of fourteen children born to her parents. She was a very industrious housewife, and, in addition to the customary duties, wove and spun the clothing for the entire family.

Our subject's attendance at the common schools of Topsham, Vt., was followed by three years in the Academy at Peacham, of the same State. He graduated from the Insane Hospital at Summerville, Mass., as a trained nurse, after which he attended the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons two years. In 1893 he graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, Ky., after taking a two years course in one. Immediately upon being given his diploma, entitling him to practice medicine, he came direct to Woodsville, where he opened an office in 1893.

On Nov. 25, 1895, he linked his fortunes for life with those of Miss Fannie White, daughter of David and Sophrona (Abbott) White of Topsham, Vt. David White was a son of Jesse and Fannie (Corliss) White. Sophrona Abbott was a daughter of Ebenezer and Rebecca (Brock) Abbott, and was a granddaughter of Ebenezer Abbott, Sr., a Revolutionary soldier.

Dr. Eastman is a sound money Republican, although his ancestors were Democrats. He is a member of Mooshillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F.; and with his wife enjoys a membership in the Woodsville Daughters of Rebecca Lodge. In religious faith and attachments he is a Congregationalist, and is prominently identified with the Woodsville organization of that religious society. Our subject has met with the most flattering success, during his short residence in Woodsville, and has won golden opinions from all fair-minded men for his honorable and highly professional method of treating all applications for his assistance. He is at present physician at the County Almshouse.

CHARLES NELSON DAVISON, an engineer on the B. & M. R. R., making his home in Woodsville, N. H., was born at Sutton, Brome Co., Province of Quebec, Aug. 25, 1861.

Andrew Davison, the father of Charles Nelson, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, Feb. 29, 1825, and was six months old when his parents immigrated to America. His father, John Davison of Scottish descent, was a linen merchant; he died in Canada when Andrew was six months old. Andrew's mother was Martha Matthews; upon the death of her husband she married again, and Andrew lived in his stepfather's home till he was about fourteen years of age, when he left to learn the tailor's trade, at which he worked for some fifteen years. He then farmed for forty years in Canada, just across the border, and has made his home in Woodsville for three years. He married Charlotte M. Sager, the daughter of Ensign George and Corrina (Durkee) Sager; Corrina Durkee was a daughter of Ransford Durkee, a major in the War of 1812. Andrew Davison when he took up agricultural pursuits in Sutton, Canada, cleared a farm of seventy-five acres, which was later augmented with twenty-five acres left him by his wife's father at his death. Mr. Davison was a captain in the Canadian Volunteer Militia, 52nd Battalion, and took part in the suppression of the Fenian raid which went up from Swanton, Vt. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Davison were as follows: Fannie M. married James McNeil of Sutton, Canada; George A., born March 3, 1852, died Feb. 23, 1887, married Lizzie G. Bailey, daughter of Langdon Bailey of Woodsville; at the time of his death he was filling out thirteen years of service for the railroad as station agent at Woodsville, having attained that position by steady promotion, succeeding and rewarding years of faithful service; Edgar is the station agent at Lisbon; Edwin, the former's twin brother, is deceased; William is deceased; Chas. Nelson is the subject of this memoir; John is deceased; Louis is the assistant freight agent and operator at Wells River, Vt.; DeForest is a brakeman on the run from Boston to Concord, and makes his home in Boston.

Charles Nelson Davison was brought up on the farm and attended school at Sutton, Province of Quebec. In the month of February, 1880, he



came to Woodsville and commenced firing for the B. & M. R. R. Feb. 20, 1880, took charge of an engine Oct. 12, 1882, and has since run a passenger train in the summer and a freight in the winter months from Woodsville to Fabian's.

Sept. 5, 1885, he was joined in wedlock with Lizzie M. Lyons of Bath, daughter of John N. Lyons, a painter of the same town. He was a son of John Lyons, a veteran of the War of 1812; he married Mary E. Reed, daughter of Samuel Reed. To our subject and his wife have been born three children: Lottie May, Floyd George, and Harry Charles. Both our subject and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church, and also of the Rebecca Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Woodsville. Mr. Davison is a member of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F.; and of the B. of L. E., Concord Division, No. 335. In politics he is a Republican.

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DANIEL W. MEADER, a prominent business man of North Haverhill, N. H., was born in the town of Warren, June 13, 1832; his parents were Elisha and Mrs. Abigail Webster (nee Foss) Meader, and his grandparents were Paul Meader and Miss Deborah Knight. The father of Paul Meader was one of two brothers who came from England and landed at Portsmouth, N. H. There the brothers separated, one coming to New Hampshire and the other being lost sight of in the years.

Paul Meader and his wife were markedly different in their physical build, for he was a small man, hardly up to the average height, while she was tall and muscular, and easily the match for any man in her neighborhood in feats of strength. Mr. Meader was a teamster by occupation and got out ship timbers from the forest, and removed them to the shipyards on the coast; all the while he was moving back farther and farther into the country as the select timber became scarce. Their habitations would be log-houses, easily set up, and as easily deserted. While her husband was away on his trips Mrs. Meader would take entire charge of the farm, performing all the work usually considered to be solely in man's sphere, in addition to being a model housewife. All the flax that was required in the family she swindled, trackled, and spun. Her

great strength and fearless nature made her respected in a pioneer community where too often the weak and unassuming are at the mercy of the strong, unscrupulous, and brutal. As a sample of her prowess it is related that on a certain occasion a man by the name of Herrick, evil-principled and overbearing, had some sheep that got mixed with the Meader flock. He came to separate them, and in doing so attempted to take more than his share. Upon his effort to effect his ends by force Mrs. Meader caught him by the collar and trowsers and dashed him with great force to the ground, nearly killing the poor man. Upon a somewhat similar occasion she nearly inflicted serious injuries on a sheriff, who was dealing with her unjustly. Elisha Meader, the son of Paul Meader, was the eldest of eight children, and was a native of New Hampshire. Arriving at a suitable age he would often accompany his father into the timber and assist in the work. One day they went as usual to the mountains; the dump beside the stream was piled high with logs, and when for some reason they began to roll Paul Meader tried to save the team and was himself caught. A log rolled over him from end to end, crushing all of his body, with the exception of the head, which was saved from mutilation by a stone which lay beside it.

Elisha Meader settled down at Warren Summit and engaged in pursuits of an agricultural nature. Subsequently he lived in Bath two years, in Benton on a farm on the side of the mountain for the same length of time, in Benton on the Benton poor farm for a year, in Haverhill Center for three or four years, and finally in North Haverhill. His first wife bore him the following children: Samuel, who was formerly an extensive railroad contractor; Joseph went to California, and nothing has since been heard of him; Betsey, deceased; Mahala, deceased; Paul N., whose biography is found on another page of this volume; Debora, deceased; and Elisha, deceased.

His second wife, Mrs. Abigail Webster, bore him three children: Daniel Webster; Elisha, who was of roving disposition and went to California; and Moses, who resides in North Haverhill. The widow Webster was a daughter of Thomas Foss.

Daniel W. Meader passed the years of his youth under the parental roof, wherever that was





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pitched, living most of the time in Haverhill, where he grew to manhood. When about sixteen years of age he went to Connecticut to work during the summers, as there was a demand for farm laborers there, and in the winters returned home to go to school. When twenty-one he went to New York, where he worked on the Harlem Railroad for three months, when he traveled to Schuylkill Co., Penn., and worked on the railroad for six months. He made his home in Montour Co., Penn., till the following summer, when he went to Catawissa Co., working on the railroad. There he was laid up from August till winter by a severe injury he received from the kick of a horse on his head; in repairing the injury, fourteen pieces of skull came out. Having recovered, he took charge of a section gang, January 1st following, and followed railroading for two years in Pennsylvania. During this time he met the girl now his wife. Giving up railroading, he lived at Pittston, Luzerne Co., for two years. He then returned home to North Haverhill for a visit, and then was married in Pennsylvania, and kept a hotel there in Old Forge for three years. Then after ten months sojourn in Haverhill he determined to go to California.

From New York City to Aspinwall he took the steamer *North Star*, arriving at Aspinwall and there re-embarked for San Francisco, going from there to San Jose. He then went across the mountains to a 5,000-acre ranch, owned by his uncle. When out of other work he always had employment on his uncle's ranch. A part of the time he worked for a powder-mill company; as the mill was run by water-power, and there was not sufficient water on the mountain-side to run the mill, a tunnel was driven through the mountain to get the water, and in that kind of work Mr. Meader was engaged. Our subject came back to New Hampshire via the Nicaragua route, and joined his wife at Scranton, Penn., coming home from there; he has been home ever since. On a farm of 150 acres at Haverhill Center, he lived for nineteen years, and then bought a small tract in North Haverhill, in 1882, where he lives now.

Mr. Meader married, Jan. 9, 1858, in Old Forge, Luzerne Co., Penn., Miss Lydia A. Swartz, daughter of Elias and Zuba (Millen) Swartz, a hotel-keeper. Mr. Swartz, while rid-

ing on an engine, was killed with four others, by the explosion of the boiler. To our subject and his wife have been born two children: Herman Edgar died in infancy; Edwin Herbert is also deceased. Mrs. Meader departed this life July 3, 1895. She was a leading member of the M. E. Church and much beloved. Mr. Meader is a Democrat, and has served as selectman two years and as supervisor for ten years. He holds stock in the creamery, and is a director in the North Haverhill Granite Co. He is a member of the Mooshillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F., of Woodsville. He is also a member of Pink Granite Grange, No. 210, of North Haverhill.

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CARLOS D. SMITH, a dealer in coal, wood, and ice, of the village of Lebanon, N. H., was born in Hanover, N. H., June 14, 1840, and is a son of Benjamin and Percis (Tenney) Smith, who were both born in Hanover.

Not very much is known of Benjamin Smith's father, except that he was an early settler and pioneer of Hanover, where he secured a tract of land, which he cleared and cultivated; he came from the State of Connecticut. Benjamin Smith, his son, owned a good farm in the northeast part of the town, where he carried on general agricultural operations until 1855, when he sold and came to the town of Lebanon and bought a piece of farming land, comprising 200 acres, adjoining the village of Lebanon, the land being situated on the north side of the village and on both sides of the river. This he farmed until his death at the age of seventy-seven. He was pre-eminently successful in business and could with justice lay claim to being a self-made man; he left considerable property to his son, Carlos D. His wife, Percis Tenney, died at the age of eighty-four; she bore her husband three children, as follows: Samantha F., who married J. A. Miller—both are deceased; Henry M., who is also deceased; and Carlos D., the subject of this sketch.

Carlos D. Smith is the only living representative of the original Smith family bearing the name of Smith. Our subject stayed with his father and cared for his parents during their last days, inheriting the homestead at their decease. After he was left alone in the world, he en-

gaged in agricultural pursuits for several years; the growth of the village made his land more valuable for building lots, than it could ever be for farming purposes, and he accordingly divided it up into lots for sale; on quite a number of the lots he built houses and sold them at a profit. In 1895 he sold the last remaining lot, which consisted of the home with a small farm attached.

In 1873 he was joined in marriage with Ellen F. Emerson, daughter of Daniel B. and Fanny T. (Kingsbury) Emerson; soon after marriage he entered into business with his father-in-law in buying wool. Mr. Smith traveled for seven years over a large territory, engaged in the buying of large amounts of wool for manufacturers of Lebanon and Boston. He made his home after marriage in Lebanon.

His next enterprise was in the retailing of coal, wood and ice; he has large yards opposite the B. & M. depot, and employs a numerous force of men. His ice harvest is gathered from Mascoma Lake, and is of the best quality; besides putting up many hundred tons for other parties, he annually stores 2,500 tons for his retail customers. Besides his own home in Lebanon, he owns and rents six tenements, which are occupied by some thirteen families. Mr. Smith has a firm belief in the future prosperity of Lebanon, and has always been very active in promoting its progress.

In Masonic rites he is a member of the Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 6; St. Andrews Chapter, No. 1; Washington Council, No. 10; Mt. Horeb Commandery; and the Mystic Shrine of Montpelier. In his religious views he is a Unitarian. We take pleasure in presenting his portrait on a preceding page.

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LAWRENCE K. FORD, conductor on the B. & M. R. R., residing in Woodsville, N. H., was born May 19, 1857, in Lyman, N. H., where he attended school until about eight years of age, and worked as brakeman on the railroad during the summer vacations till he was fifteen. His efficient and capable service in the employ of the railroad soon advanced him to the position of freight conductor, and then to that of

baggage master. An intermission in his railroading of two and a half years was utilized in farming; in 1880 he resumed his work on the railroad, and acted as brakeman for one year, and as freight conductor for five years; since 1886 he has been a passenger conductor.

Mr. Ford is a son of Samuel P. and Jane E. (Kelsea) Ford, grandson of Robert and Zelinda (Snow) Ford, and a great-grandson of John Ford. A son of John Ford was a captain in the Revolution. When conducting his company of minutemen to the Battle of Bunker Hill, he passed with his men a church, where services were being held, and was invited to enter by the dominie; "No, thank you," rejoined the captain, "we have more important business on hand." Zelinda Snow, the wife of Robert Ford, was a daughter of James Snow. The mother of our subject was a daughter of William, Jr., and Betsey (Kimball) Kelsea, the former a son of William, Sr., and Phoebe (Ladd) Kelsea, and the latter a daughter of Jonathan and Betsey (Noyes) Kimball, and a granddaughter on her father's side of Benjamin Kimball. There were born to Lawrence K. Ford's parents three children, as follows: Lawrence K.; George Edward, of Ellensburgh, Wash.; Mary A., the widow of Gen. Samuel C. Armstrong, the promoter of the Hampton School for the industrial and literary training of negroes and Indians at Hampton, Virginia.

Mr. Ford was married May 24, 1885, at Woodsville, to Myra Weare, who was born in Dalton, N. H., of Daniel C. and Rebecca (Hubbard) Weare. Daniel C. Weare was a son of Nathaniel and Alice Weare, and was born in Whitefield, N. H., May 8, 1834. Rebecca Hubbard is a daughter of Betsey (Messer) Hubbard. The children composing the family of Daniel C. Weare were: Ellera L., born to him by his first wife; Mary, the wife of our subject; and Daniel F., who lives in Whitefield, N. H.

Mrs. Ford is an attendant of the M. E. Church, and actively interested in its beneficent work. Mr. Ford is a member of the Kane Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 64; Franklin Chapter, No. 5; Omega Council, No. 9; St. Girard Commandery of K. T.; Edw. A. Raymond Consistory. He is also a member of the Order of Railway Conductors at Lindenville, Vt. He is a steadfast Democrat in his political affiliations.



GEORGE A. DIMOND of Woodsville, N. H., locomotive engineer on the B. & M. R. R., was born in Dorchester, N. H., Aug. 5, 1857; he is a son of John Q. A. and Lavina (Merrill) Dimond, and a grandson of John Dimond. John Dimond was a farmer by occupation, and died in the neighborhood of the year 1860, at about seventy years of age. He came from the town of Loudon, and married Mehitabel Dimond. His son, John Q. A. Dimond, was born in Loudon and adopted the trade of a carpenter in connection with his occupation of a farmer. He lived the latter portion of his life in Dorchester, and died there in 1866. His wife, who was born in Dorchester, and died in Gratton in 1892, was a daughter of John Merrill and Sarah Matthews. The former was born in Dorchester and was engaged throughout life in the pursuit of agriculture, dying at seventy-five years of age in 1867. The latter was born in Dorchester, and was a daughter of John and Sallie Matthews. Four children were born to our subject's parents, as follows: Charles A.; George A.; Lorine M. died in infancy; and Clara L., who married Louis Hall of West Rumney, N. H.

George A. Dimond lived at Dorchester until ten years of age, attending school quite regularly. After his father's death his mother moved to West Rumney, where our subject went to school every winter till he attained his majority; in the summer he worked on the farm, and drove a milk wagon. After becoming of age he worked three years on a farm and then secured a position on the railroad as fireman; he fired for five years till 1886, when he was given an engine. He was on a passenger run for one season, but much prefers the freight service. He has never been hurt, although he has been mixed up in two collisions.

Mr. Dimond married, July 29, 1888, at Woodsville, Nancy (Caldon) Ordway, a native of Campton, N. H. Her father was Thomas Caldton; he was born in Meredith, N. H., and died in 1876. Her mother was Sarah Bailey, a native of Campton. Mrs. Dimond attends the M. E. Church. Our subject is a Mason, and is a member of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M.; Pemigewasset Chapter, No. 13; Omega Council, No. 9; and St. Gerard Commandery of Knights Templar. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Tahanto Division, No. 335. He is a Democrat.

MAURICE E. KIMBALL, a prominent merchant of North Haverhill, was born in North Haverhill, Oct. 24, 1843; he is a son of Charles and Hannah (Morris) Kimball, grandson of Caleb and Sallie (Hall) Kimball, and great-grandson of Thomas and Mary (Willoughby) Kimball.

Thomas Kimball was a manufacturer by occupation, and spent most of his time engaged in agricultural pursuits; he was also a manufacturer of the old mould-board ploughs. He died about 1826 or 1827.

Caleb Kimball was born in Rumney, probably, where his father died. He was in the habit of going with the neighbors to the neighborhood of Providence, R. I., each summer, as work was more remunerative there, and returning each fall. The summer that his son Charles was ten years old he departed as usual, but never returned, nor was there anything ever heard of him, so it is supposed he met with foul play. He married Sallie Hall, who was also probably a native of Rumney; her father was Henry Hall, who died at the age of ninety-four or ninety-five. He was born about the year 1730; his wife lived to a very advanced age, and is distinctly remembered by Charles C. Kimball. To Caleb Kimball and his wife were born two boys and two girls: Russell, deceased; Miranda resides in Tewksbury, Mass.; Matilda, deceased; and Charles C., the father of our subject.

Charles C. Kimball was born at Rumney, N. H., Aug. 31, 1817. Upon his father's mysterious disappearance, the family became broken up; the mother took the three youngest children and sought work in the cotton factories of Lowell, Mass. Our subject made his home with an uncle for a short time, and then lived with Washington Simpson for three years, working for his keep. For the ensuing year and a half he worked on a farm in Oxford in the summers, and attending school in the winters. Then he worked at Lisbon in a brick-yard, and on the farm for five years, and going from there to North Haverhill about 1836, which has since been his home. He had worked at shoe-making in Bath a short time before coming to North Haverhill, and followed that trade for a number of years in his new home. In the meantime he purchased land, and gradually gave his attention to farming, giving up shoe-making at last. His first farm consisted



of about eighty acres; later on he bought 120 acres additional, and since sold the land in parcels to his sons. About 1876 he bought his present home in North Haverhill, and has been practically retired for the past twenty years; he is still hale and hearty, and fully capable of doing a good day's work yet. He was married Sept. 27, 1841, in Rumney by an uncle of his bride, who was a justice of the peace, to Hannah Morris, who was born in Lisbon, N. H., Dec. 22, 1817; she was a daughter of Ebenezer and Alice (Swan) Morris. To our subject's parents were born five children, as follows: Charles M. lives in North Haverhill; M. E. is the subject of this sketch; John is a farmer living in North Haverhill; George F. is also engaged in agricultural pursuits in North Haverhill; Albert F. clerks in his brother's store; a full account of his life will be found further on. Mr. Kimball is a Republican in politics.

M. E. Kimball attended school until he was nineteen years of age, and began life for himself when he attained his majority, working on his father's farm until that time. He drove a team in Boston one summer, and then began clerking in the village of North Haverhill in the spring of 1864 for Mr. Cotton; the store passed successively through the hands of Mr. Cotton, Messrs. Child & Morse, and William Nelson, from whom our subject purchased the stock on Sept. 10, 1872; our subject has been engaged in the mercantile business ever since said transfer. Mr. Kimball bought the old building and lot where his store now stands, and in 1877 he built his present commodious store building, with the upper floor devoted to his residence. He served as postmaster from March 28, 1873, to Cleveland's first election, and again during Harrison's administration, in all seventeen years.

Mr. Kimball was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony March 3, 1867, in Derby, Vt., to Gazilda C. Moran, who was born and reared in that place; she was a daughter of Lawrence and Harriet (Brooks) Moran. Lawrence Moran served aboard an English man-of-war; he left it at Montreal and came to Derby, Vt., where he made his home afterward. To our subject and his wife have been born five children: J. Claire, deceased; Addie; a child, unnamed, who died in infancy; Louis is attending school at St. Johnsbury, and is finishing his fourth year there at

the time of this writing; Roy is attending school in the village. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball are attendants of the M. E. Church, and are both members of Pink Granite Grange, No. 210, of North Haverhill. He is Republican in politics, and served for many years as clerk of the town school board. He is treasurer of the creamery company.

Albert F. Kimball, the youngest brother of M. E., and a son of Charles C. Kimball, is town clerk of Haverhill; he was born Sept. 13, 1855. He obtained his education in the district schools, finishing with one term at Newbury Seminary, and at the age of fifteen worked in a saw-mill for three seasons, working on the farm in the summer. He also taught school through the winter for twenty terms, his first school was taught when he was but sixteen years old. He began farming when twenty-two years of age; he bought a farm of 120 acres five miles east of the village of North Haverhill and operated it until May, 1892, when he leased it and came to North Haverhill to care for his parents, and is now clerking in his brother's store.

He was married March 10, 1876, in Greenville, Ill., to Miss Caroline Crocker, who was born in that town. She was a daughter of Samuel and Harriet J. (Ferguson) Crocker, the former born in Paulett, Vt., and the latter in Greenville, Ill. When a young man Mr. Crocker left his home in Vermont and went down the Mississippi River to the State of Mississippi, and came very near having the yellow fever. The firm in Buckley, Miss., for whom he worked sent him to Greenville, Ill., and there he met and married his wife, settling down to make his home in that town. He became very prominent in politics of his county, and served as sheriff for years, and also as tax collector. His first wife having left him a widower with children to care for, he married again, the bride being a New Hampshire lady, who was teaching school there. He returned to New Hampshire the same year Lincoln was assassinated, with his family, in order that his wife might be near her parents during their failing health. Previous to coming east he had been engaged in the milling business; while a resident of Vermont he served three years as selectman. He finally returned to Greenville, Ill., and died there Dec. 28, 1876. Our subject's wife was born in 1856, and lived in New Hampshire from the time she was nine years old till she was sixteen,

when she returned to Greenville. Mr. Kimball met her when she lived in New Hampshire and kept up his acquaintance and correspondence with her till he went to Illinois and secured her as his wife. She was one of ten children born to her parents, five of whom survive, namely: Geo. M. Crocker, who lives at Mt. Clemens, Mich.; Mary L. Crocker; Caroline Crocker, our subject's wife; and Flavius Morse Crocker, and Herbert Samuel Crocker, both civil engineers, the former living in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the latter in Denver, Col. Mrs. Kimball is an Episcopalian in religious attachments. Her husband is a member of Pink Granite Grange, No. 210, as she is also. Mr. Kimball is a Republican, and has been town clerk since March, 1896; he has also served as town auditor for two years, and as police officer for one year.

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PAUL N. MEADER was born in Warren, Grafton Co., N. H., June 27, 1824. He is a son of Elisha and Susan (Smith) Meader, and a grandson on his father's side of Paul Meader, whose father was one of two brothers who came from England, landing at Portsmouth, N. H. The brothers separated there, the one coming to New Hampshire and the other one being lost sight of, nothing being known at present where he made his home.

Paul Meader, the grandfather of our subject, married a Miss Knight, thus making a strong contrast, for he was a small man, not up to the average height, and she was large and robust. Mr. Meader was by occupation a teamster, and got out ship timbers from the forest and removed them to the shipyards, all the while moving back farther and farther into the country as the timber became scarcer near the coast. Their habitation was a log-house, easily set up, and deserted with very few pang's of regret. While Mr. Meader would be absent on his trips his wife would take entire charge of the farm, performing all the work usually considered as too severe for the less strongly knit frame of a woman, besides being a model housekeeper. Our subject remembers well seeing her yoke up the steers to the wagon, going into the timber, and cutting a load of firewood, and hauling it home for use. She

swindled, trackled, and spun all the flax that was required in the family. Her great strength and fearless nature made her respected in the pioneer community. As a sample of her prowess it is related that on a certain occasion one by the name of Herrick, an unscrupulous and overbearing man, had some sheep that got mixed with the Meader flock. He came to separate them, and in doing so attempted to take more than his own. He was going to take the sheep by force had not Mrs. Meader grabbed him by the collar and trowsers and dashed him with great force to the ground, nearly killing the poor man. She also gave a sheriff somewhat similar treatment once for driving off their cow, and would have very probably killed him had she not been prevented. Elisha Meader, the father of our subject, was the eldest of the family, and was born in New Hampshire. Arriving at a suitable age, he would often accompany his father into the timber and assist in the work. One day they went as usual to the mountains; the dump beside the stream was piled high with logs, and when for some reason they began to roll, Paul Meader tried to save the team, and was himself caught. A log rolled over him from end to end, crushing all of his body, with the exception of the head, which was saved from mutilation by a stone which lay beside it.

Elisha Meader followed farming at Warren Summit, and married there and settled down. When our subject was eleven years old his father moved to Bath, N. H., bought a farm, and left him a mere lad at the Summit to care for the sheep for a month before coming back for him. In Bath he remained two years, going from there to Benton and taking up a farm on the mountain-side, living there for two years. He then kept the Benton poor farm for a year, going from there to Haverhill Center, where he built a house and lived three or four years. The last property he owned was a farm five miles from the village of North Haverhill. There were born to Elisha Meader by his first wife the following seven children: Samuel, formerly an extensive railroad contractor, now makes his home with our subject; Joseph went to California, and may have died there, for nothing is known of him; Betsey, deceased; Mahala, deceased; Paul N., the subject of this sketch; Debora, deceased; and Elisha, deceased. Elisha Meader married as his second



wife widow Webster, who has borne him three children: Webster, who lives in North Haverhill; Elisha, who was of a roving disposition, and went to California; and Moses, who resides in North Haverhill.

Paul N. Meader up to the age of eleven years had had no educational advantages in school. Times were so hard and it was so difficult to provide for a large family that he was often obliged to go to school through the snow barefoot. The school-house was built of logs, with a great stone chimney taking up most of one side; the back-log would be dragged in on a hand-sled and a fire built around it. Although the room might have a freezing temperature, the fire-place was always a good place to warm cold feet.

His first venture on his own account was to buy 150 acres of land, paying \$50.00 cash and giving his note for the rest; later on he added 150 more acres and erected a \$1,500.00 house. This property he sold and bought a small place of some fifty or sixty acres for \$2,500.00, where he farmed for one year. He then disposed of it and bought fifty acres for \$3,700.00, and also an adjoining two-acre tract, and went into the lumbering business. He owned 200 acres of timber land on the mountain side, and to utilize it to the best advantage, he bought a saw-mill and put in a circular saw. He ran this saw-mill in partnership with J. G. Blood for three years, selling at the end of that time to his partner, and bought with the proceeds a forty-acre tract adjoining his fifty-acre farm, and bought fifty acres more, paying for it \$5,000.00. He still owns fifty acres, after having sold a forty-one-acre tract to one son. Keeping eleven acres of the fifty-two he sold fifty-one to Prescott. During all of this time he was also interested in a starch manufacturing company, which made him the agent; he conducted the business for nine years. Mr. Meader bought his village residence in 1889; the farm is a very valuable piece of property and gives large returns, fifty tons of hay being the usual yearly crop.

Mr. Meader married, Dec. 5, 1848, Elizabeth Carlton, to whom were born four children: Marlin S., who is farming on the river meadows; Moses A., who has acquired a good education, clerked in a store in North Haverhill, then in a store at Lisbon, and was for a time foreman of the creamery at East Haverhill, and is now en-

gaged at Wells River in the same capacity; Arthur, deceased; and Abbie, who is teaching in Peterboro, N. H. Mr. Meader's second wife was Mrs. Luthria Wilmott, who died of lung fever, leaving no children. His third wife was Phoebe A. Howe, a sister to his second wife. Mrs. Meader is a member of the M. E. Church, and her husband is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. Mr. Meader's father was a Democrat, but as our subject was opposed to slavery in the South, he could not consistently follow the lead of the party whose principles his father had espoused. Before the time of the Republican party Mr. Meader was an Abolitionist and Free-Soiler. In 1856 he voted for the first time the Republican ticket, and has been a steadfast supporter of that party since. He is a member of Pink Granite Lodge, No. 210.

WESLEY M. CROWN, of the firm of Crown Bros., leading merchants of Woodsville, is a native of Ryegate, in the Green Mountain State, and has been in business in Woodsville since December, 1895. Our subject was born Sept. 20, 1872.

His father, Wesson M. Crown, is still living, and is engaged in caring for his 200-acre farm, situated a few miles north of Wells River, Vt.; he is one of the most prosperous farmers in his vicinity, with land in a high state of cultivation and good, substantial farm buildings. His first wife was Margaret Whitehill; she bore him five children, as follows: Nettie, James, Jennie, Willie, and John. He married as his second wife the widow of David Whitehill; she was a daughter of James and Margaret (Harvey) Orr, and was christened Mary. By her first marriage with David Whitehill she became the mother of seven children: Harvey; Maggie; Lizzie; Nelson, professor of the schools at Randolph, Vt.; George; Lizzie; and Jane. By her marriage with Mr. Crown she has one child, Wesley M., the junior member of the firm of Crown Bros.

Wesley M. Crown attended the common schools and the academy at Peacham, Vt., until he was 17. At that age he secured a position as attendant in the asylum at Taunton, Mass., where he remained six months. From there he went to Laconia, where he clerked in the store







HON. SOLON A. PECK.

of Logee Bros. for a time, and then came to Woodsville, where he clerked in the stores of Q. A. Scott and F. P. Pray until he went into partnership with his brother in 1895. After a year in the grocery business the brothers opened a store in the new Tilton Block, and added to their fine stock of staple and fancy groceries a full line of ladies' and gents' boots and shoes.

Wesley M. Crown married Rosa Ricker, the only daughter of William and Lodema (Taisy) Ricker. William Ricker was a son of Orson and Lydia (Tacy) Ricker, and grandson of Joseph Ricker, who came from Maine, and was a cattle broker and general merchant. Lydia Tacy was a daughter of William Tacy, who came with his father, William Tacy, Sr., to the United States about 1799. Lodema Taisy, Mrs. Crown's mother, was a daughter of John and Phoebe (Heath) Taisy, the former a son of Robert Taisy, who came from Paisley, Scotland, when John was five years old. To Mr. and Mrs. Crown was born, in August, 1896, a daughter, Calista L. Mr. Crown is a member of Mooshillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F., of Woodsville, in which he fills the office of vice grand. He is a Republican.

HON. SOLON A. PECK, president of the Savings Bank of Lebanon, N. H., and largely identified with all the commercial interests of the village, was born in the house he still lives in Jan. 7, 1826, and is a son of John W. and Fanny (Huntington) Peck, and grandson of Eliel and Parthenia (Waters) Peck. His great-grandfather was Simeon Peck, who was the son of Joseph and Hannah Peck, who resided in the State of Connecticut.

Simeon Peck was born Jan. 2, 1732; he married Ruth Willis, and in 1778 came to New Hampshire from Norwich, Conn., and bought about 400 acres of wild and uncultivated land, located in the town of Lebanon, Grafton Co., between the Staple bridge and the village. One of his first duties was to erect a log-house for the shelter of his family; the house still stands in the yard of our subject. He then set about the laborious task of felling the trees and cultivating the land; he also built a saw-mill, where the mills are located now, and carried on quite a business

sawing lumber for his neighbors and the new settlers; the farm was covered with a splendid growth of pine, which he was not slow to utilize as lumber. A mill for the separation of clover seed was also built and enjoyed a successful run. Mr. Peck and his wife both lived to a good old age to see their children well settled and prosperous in life. Their children were Rose H., Walter, Ebbe, Jabez, Jaheel, Simeon, Jr., Eliel, Ruth, Lydia, Joseph, and Hannah.

Our subject's grandfather, Eliel Peck, was born in Norwich, Conn., Jan. 9, 1768, and was ten years old when his father settled in Lebanon. He made himself useful in the work about the farm and in clearing the land of the timber; he remained under the parental roof and cared for his parents, when they needed him, at last inheriting the homestead. He spent his life in farming and in lumbering. He would make up rafts of logs and take them to Hartford, where he found a ready sale for them; he often shipped provisions to market on these rafts. In 1780 he erected a large two-storied house, which was constructed with a heavy oak frame; the house has since been remodeled by our subject, and the frames were found to be as apparently sound as they were the day they were put in; it is probably the oldest house in the town, and is in a very good state of preservation. Eliel Peck and his wife both died in 1847 at an advanced age. Their children were: John W., Sophia, Azel, Nancy, Eliel, Jr., Cynthia, Parthenia, and Hannah.

John W. Peck succeeded his father in the management of the homestead and has devoted his time principally to farming. He was a model farmer of his day; the farm was cleared and all the available ground put under cultivation; large and substantial barns were built for the accommodation of the choice herds of cattle and sheep which he always kept. He sold the mill, and it has long since been supplanted by modern mills at Scytheville. He was a very active man and worked up to the last few moments before his final breaking down occurred; his death was caused by over-work, and took place when he was sixty-eight years old, in 1863. His wife survived him a few years. In his early manhood he supported the Democratic party; afterwards he allied himself with the Free Soil party, finally voting with the Republicans. He was among those worthy citizens to whom public office



offers no allurements; he served one term as selectman. The following children benefited from his home-training: Eliel; Solon Alonzo, the subject of this sketch; Sela F.; John W.; and Parthenia.

Our subject, after the years of his youth spent in assisting his father and in attending the schools of his neighborhood, taught school for ten winters, working on the farm in the summer. He remained on the farm throughout his parents' lives, and was ever a kind and thoughtful son. After their decease he sold off the greater portion of the farm, and it is now built upon by beautiful and tasty residences; it forms one of the prettiest additions to the village, and borders on Mascoma Street. Mr. Peck has for several years been identified with the well-known insurance firm of Dewey, Peck & Co., whose office is located in the Whipple Block. Mr. Peck has been president of the Savings Bank of Lebanon for the past ten years, serving as a trustee previous to that time.

He is a stanch and uncompromising Republican and served as selectman from 1859 to 1866; as representative in the State Legislature in 1866 and 1867; as collector in 1869, and again as selectman from 1870 to 1887. He joined the Mascoma Lodge, I. O. O. F., in 1848, and is at present the oldest living member.

He married Sarah W. Hubbard, daughter of Orrin and Catherine Hubbard of West Lebanon; she was born in 1828. Mrs. Peck has presented her husband with two children: Eliel, born Feb. 26, 1856, married Emma McLane, and is a wealthy farmer and merchant of Kimball, Minn.; Alice H., born Sept. 7, 1860, married Henry M. Day, who is interested in the insurance firm of Dewey, Peck & Co. He resides with his father-in-law; he is one of the best of the young business men of the town, and is never behind the times in matters of business. Our subject has retired from much of the active business life of the town, because of his growing years; he is extremely popular among all classes and counts his friends by the score. His portrait, which is shown on another page, is a correct delineation executed from a photograph of those features which are so familiar to the residents of the town of Lebanon, and will be of great service in keeping his memory alive for future generations.

CHARLES F. CARR, a carpenter residing in Woodsville, who is employed in the bridge and building department of the B. & M. R. R., was born on Briar Hill, in the town of Haverhill, Grafton Co., Jan. 10, 1831, in the same house in which his father before him first saw mortal light. He is a son of Deacon Daniel and Rhoda (Bagley) Carr.

The Carr family is not only of long continuance in America, the ancestor of the American branch having come over in the Mayflower, but also dates its origin as an English family from the time of the Norman Conquest of England in 1066. Among the company of William the Conqueror's followers was one named Karre; he settled in the north of England, whence his descendants spread over into Scotland as well as into different parts of England and Ireland.

Although the English and Irish modified the Norman spelling Karre to Carr, while the Scotch have it Kerr, yet in all the ten modes of spelling the original pronunciation has been retained.

As the spelling of the names has varied in divers localities, so have the colors of the coat of arms; but the original arms—three mullets or estoiles on a cheveron—have remained the same from the olden times to the present. The crest, also, (a hart's head) has been subjected to various changes.

The first known ancestor of Charles F. Carr, the subject of this sketch, was George Carr, who was born in London, England, about 1599, the youngest of four brothers. He married Lucinda Davenport, and came to America in 1620 on the good ship Mayflower, as the ship carpenter, bringing his young wife with him. The young pioneer located with the Pilgrims at Plymouth, where his wife died in the terrible winter that followed. A few years later Mr. Carr removed to Ipswich, and from there to Colchester (now Salisbury), Mass., with the first settler. He was granted an island in the Merrimac River for use as a home, and also as a shipyard. The island was known as Carr's Island, and was the home of the family for several generations; the possession of the island gave them the exclusive privilege and monopoly of the ferry business at that point in the river. This ferry, at the death of George Carr, was considered to be worth £400. Two members of the family met their death by drowning while attending the ferry. The large

house on Carr's Island, which had sheltered many generations, was destroyed by fire May 9, 1797. George Carr, the founder of the family, died in Colchester (now Salisbury), April 4, 1682. His second wife, Elizabeth, passed away at the same place May 6, 1691.

The birth of James Carr, fifth in a family of ten children born to his parents, took place in Salisbury, Mass., April 28, 1650. He married Mary Sans in Newbury, Mass., Nov. 11, 1677, and was made a freeman in 1690; he passed his life and died on Carr's Island, Aug. 5, 1726.

John Carr, fourth in a family of eight, was born in Newbury, Mass., Aug. 26, 1684, and married Elizabeth Chase in Newbury, Mass., Dec. 14, 1708.

Daniel Carr (one of twins, who were the youngest children in a family of eleven) was born in Newbury, Mass., July 13, 1734. He married as his first wife Betsey Chase. He was united to his second wife, Elizabeth Chase, Oct. 19, 1772, and died in Haverhill, N. H., April 12, 1822. Elizabeth Chase was born in 1741, and departed this life in Haverhill, Jan. 24, 1819.

Capt. Daniel Carr, the fifth child in a family of eight born to his parents, was the eldest child by his father's second wife, and was born in Newbury, Mass., July 28, 1773. He married Elizabeth Worth in Newbury, Nov. 19, 1795, and settled in North Haverhill, N. H., soon after marriage. Elizabeth Worth was born in Newbury, Nov. 2, 1768, and died in North Haverhill, Sept. 18, 1836. Capt. Carr died in the same place, Nov. 10, 1852.

Deacon Daniel Carr, who was for many years a deacon in the Baptist Church, was second in a family of eight children; he was born in North Haverhill, Jan. 31, 1798, and died in the same place April 13, 1879. He married Rhoda Bagley Feb. 9, 1823; she was a daughter of Nathan and Hannah (Ford) Bagley of Topsham, Vt.; she was born in that town Aug. 7, 1799, and died Jan. 20, 1843. To her were born nine children, of whom Charles F. Carr, the subject of this sketch, was the fifth. By a subsequent marriage our subject's father added four more children to the home circle, making thirteen children in all.

Charles F. Carr attended the common schools until he was fourteen years of age. His mother having died when he was twelve years old, he made his home with his father's cousin, John

Carr, Jr., under whose instruction he learned the carpenter's trade. After four years of faithful service as apprentice he became a journeyman carpenter at the age of eighteen, and has followed that trade ever since. For many years he has been employed at his trade as house carpenter, and for the past two years has been employed on the B. & M. R. R., and is now connected with the bridge and building department.

Mr. Carr was married Nov. 25, 1855, to Kate M. Mason, who was born in New Hampton, N. H., Oct. 13, 1835. Her parents were Ward and Mary (Sleeper) Mason. The latter was a daughter of Nathaniel Sleeper, a soldier of the Revolution, whose wife was a Miss Levitt. To Mr. Carr and his wife five children have been born, who are as follows: Emma R., deceased; Mary M., the wife of F. C. Gale, an engineer on the B. & M. R. R., residing in Woodsville; Elmer E.; Lewis; and Orville G., who lives in Woodsville, and is associated with his father in the service of the B. & M. R. R. Both our subject and his wife are members of the M. E. Church. He is a Republican in politics. During the existence of the orders of Good Templars and Sons of Temperance, Mr. Carr was identified with them. He enlisted in the army at the period of the Civil War as a musician, but owing to disabilities was never sent to the front. He is a member of the G. A. R.

In the old cemetery of North Haverhill lie three generations of Daniel Carr: Daniel Carr, the great-grandfather of our subject; Capt. Daniel Carr, our subject's grandfather; and Deacon Daniel Carr, Charles F. Carr's father.

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GEORGE E. MUZZEY, proprietor of the Fair View House, of Canaan, one of the most pleasantly located summer boarding-houses in this county, was born in Newport, N. H., July 8, 1836. He is the son of Nehemiah and Sarah (Chase) Muzzey, and grandson of Benjamin Muzzey.

Our subject's grandfather was born in Croydon, N. H., and followed for a livelihood blacksmithing, stone-cutting, and abutment laying. He settled in Sunapee, N. H., but later in life moved to Newport, where he died at the age of



eighty-four. His children were: John, Lydia, Hannah, Nehemiah, Benjamin, Daniel, Charles, and George. Nehemiah Muzzey was born in Sunapee, N. H., and learned the trade of stone-cutting under his father, and worked with him at that trade for several years. He moved to Newport; dying at the age of forty-eight. His death was caused by consumption, which was contracted in the following manner: He was a member of the fire department of Newport, and when running with his company to aid the town of Claremont, he caught a severe cold, which settled on his lungs, and resulted in his death, as above stated. His wife died at the age of fifty-eight of cancer. He was in religious views a Baptist. Only two children were born to him: George E., the subject of this sketch; and John, who lives at Braintree, Mass., and has charge of the carpentry work on the railroad. Our subject's mother was married after her husband's death to T. S. Lathrop, and had two children: Henry and Ella.

George E. Muzzey came to Canaan when fourteen years of age, with his mother and step-father, and in that town finished his education. At the age of twenty-one he was married to Miss Elizabeth D. Preston, daughter of Alpheus Preston, a farmer and speculator of the town of Canaan. Shortly after his marriage, our subject bought a farm in the northern part of this town known as the Goss place, and after carrying on agricultural operations there for six years, disposed of it and built a home in the village of East Canaan, and followed teaming there for ten years and built the structure known to-day as the "Canaan Inn," where his wife carried on millinery twenty-five years, turning over the business at last to her daughter. When Mr. Muzzey had finished teaming he bought the Dalton farm, and in 1891 built a cottage, situated only a short distance from the depot, on the rise of ground which overlooks the village and valley, and also commands a broad open view of Mt. Cardigan, while in the west at a distance of sixty miles the Green Mountains of Vermont are plainly in view.

In 1895, Mrs. Muzzey added to the cottage, already located on the property, barns and a summer house, known as the Fair View House, which is fitted out with all the modern conveniences, and with a broad piazza. The verdant lawns surrounding the place abound in beautiful

walks, through groves of various timber, and fine wide drives. There is also a secluded spot, rich in rustic beauty, which is called the Lovers' Lane. The first season finished with forty boarders, which speaks well for the attractions of the place, and for Mr. and Mrs. Muzzey's careful attention to the wants of their guests. It is no exaggeration to say that more hospitable people can not be found than our hosts of the Fair View House.

Mr. Muzzey is a staunch Republican and served thirteen years as surveyor, and twelve years as constable in the town. He is a member of Social Lodge, F. & A. M. The marriage of our subject resulted in two children: Nellie, who died at the age of two years; and Charles, who died at the age of eighteen months. An adopted daughter, Lillie B., whom they have reared, educated, and given the care and love they would have extended to their own children had they lived, married O. B. Sargent, and resides in Canaan.

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JOSEPH NELSON CHESMAN, an engineer on the B. & M. R. R., residing in Woodsville, was born in Coos Co., N. H., Jan. 25, 1872, and is a son of Roswell W. and Malancy F. (Pierson) Chesman, and a grandson of Joseph M. Chesman. Roswell W. Chesman, a farmer and a surveyor, died in 1884, at the age of fifty-five. Malancy F. Chesman, who was born in Lisbon, is now aged sixty-five. Six children were born to our subject's parents: George W., who lives at Pawtucket, R. I.; William E., who lives at Burling Falls; Clara M., the wife of J. G. Hicks of Chicago, Ill.; Marietta, who married C. W. Brown of Lancaster, N. H.; Flora, deceased; and Joseph Nelson, the subject of this sketch.

Our subject was reared at Lancaster, N. H., securing his schooling in that village. He was thrown upon his own resources at the age of sixteen, and at the age of eighteen he began firing on the B. & M. R. R. After six years experience on the road he was given an engine, June 29, 1896, and has held the throttle since. June 5, 1894, he was joined in the bond of matrimony with Maud A. Coburn of North Haverhill. She is the daughter of Daniel and Fannie (Bisby) Coburn; Daniel Coburn is a son of Jonathan Coburn; and Fannie Bisby is a daughter of



James and Martha (Heywood) Bisby. Our subject has been presented with one child, Ralph W., born Oct. 12, 1894. Mr. Chesman is a free silver Democrat, and was an ardent supporter of W. J. Bryan for President in the campaign of 1896. Mr. Chesman is well liked by all of his acquaintances.

ARTHUR E. DAVIS, the liveryman of Woodsville, was born in Marshfield, Vt., June 6, 1859; he is a son of Solomon W. and Lucy A. (Luther) Davis, and grandson of Joseph E. and Polly (Kimball) Davis. Joseph E. Davis was born, reared, passed his life, and died on the farm which was cleared in the pioneer days by his father, John Davis.

Solomon A. Davis and his wife lived in Marshfield until our subject was seven years old, when they removed to Corinth, Vt., which was his home until he attained his majority, and there he attended the district schools until about seventeen years old, finishing with a term at Barre Academy of Barre, Vt. The summer he was seventeen he worked in a brick-yard, and from that time till he was twenty-one he lived on the farm engaged in assisting in the usual farm work. He then went into the business of manufacturing brick, and was interested in that industry for six years. For the three ensuing years he was a resident of Groton, N. H., carrying on a profitable business in lumber. From there he came to Woodsville, Nov. 23, 1887, and at once set about establishing a first-class livery; the result is all that could be wished, and the excellent patronage he received yields him abundant returns for his pains.

He is a Republican in his politics, and has been honored with several positions of trust, having served six years as deputy sheriff, a number of times as selectman, and as special justice of the police court.

On Feb. 24, 1892, occurred the solemnization of the marriage between Mr. Davis and his bride, Miss Hattie Thomas Swift, daughter of Solon and Theodora (Hurlbutt) Swift. Mr. Swift is a farmer of Cavendish, Vt., his native place. Mrs. Davis's mother was a native of Haverhill, where her father, Elijah Hurlbutt, was a very early settler.

ELISHA L. ANDREWS, a leading carpenter, contractor, and builder of the village of Woodsville, N. H., was born in the town of Warwick, Athahaca Co., Province of Quebec. He is a son of Elisha E. and Mary (Armstrong) Andrews, grandson of Elisha Lyman and Betsey (McLean) Andrews, and great-grandson of Elisha Edwards Andrews.

Both the grandfather and the great-grandfather of our subject were born in Claremont, N. H., and removed to Canada at an early date. The father of our subject was born in the Dominion of Canada, Jan. 11, 1819; he was united in marriage with Mary Armstrong, April 14, 1846. She was born in England, April 18, 1818, and died May 3, 1895. The following children were born to them: Mary Elizabeth; Sarah Adelaide; Margaret Elmyra; William Edgar; Mary Jane; Lucy Ann, deceased; Cordelia Garnette; and Elisha L.

When Elisha L. Andrews was four years old his father moved to the town of Shipton, Wolfe Co., Quebec, where our subject attended school till he was fourteen years of age. Two years later he began working for a company that was constructing a saw-mill, and this was the first building he ever assisted in framing and was only seventeen years of age when it was finished. After working in the mill a short time, subsequent to its completion, he served a three years' apprenticeship at carriage-making. He then went home and worked and lived on the farm for two years. His next employment was at carriage-making in Danville, Province of Quebec, for three years. He then worked for a school slate company, erecting their factory at Slatington, Quebec.

In 1887 Mr. Andrews removed to Woodsville, and did his first work as a carpenter in that place on the Central Hotel. About the year 1891 he commenced contracting and building on his own account, and has since been busily employed with all the work that he cares to undertake. In October, 1895, he bought the grist and moulding-mill in the south part of Woodsville, where he makes mouldings and other inside furnishings for buildings. In the summer of 1896 our subject built himself an elegant residence adjoining his mill property.

Mr. Andrews was joined in marriage Nov. 11, 1877, at Danville, Canada, to Louise Morrill.

Her parents, who were originally from this side of the Canadian border, were Christopher and Catherine (Alger) Morrill. Christopher Morrill was the son of Joseph and Jane (Robinson) Morrill; Catherine Alger was the daughter of Lyman Alger, who married a Miss Wier. To the parents of Mrs. Andrews were born nine children, who were named as follows: Nelson; Christy; a girl, unnamed; Louise; Mattie; Minnie; Emeline; Lyman, and Edward. Our subject and his wife have reared five children: Chester Darwin; Iva Rosetta; an infant, deceased; Frank Elisha, deceased; and Pearl Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are both members in good standing of the M. E. Church of Woodsville. Mr. Andrews is a Republican, politically; socially, he is a member of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F. His brother was a member of one of the volunteer companies called out during the Fenian raids. Mr. Andrews, himself, was a member of the volunteer militia for seven years in Quebec, and was called out for service in the quieting of the Orangemen troubles at Montreal; the troops were not needed, happily, for the troubles were settled peaceably. He has been a member of the Fire King Hose Co., of Woodsville for many years, and was foreman for the year 1896. Our subject received his full naturalization papers in 1892 entitling him to the full privileges of a citizen of the United States.

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HIBBARD S. SLEEPER, a dealer in farm implements, living in North Haverhill, was born March 12, 1836, and is a son of Hiram and Sarah S. (Mason) Sleeper, and a grandson of Nathaniel and Susan (Levit) Sleeper. The father of Nathaniel Sleeper was a Quaker, who emigrated from England. Nathaniel Sleeper spent his years in agricultural occupations, and was held in high respect by his acquaintances for his sterling worth.

Hiram Sleeper, our subject's father, was born in Meredith, N. H., Nov. 24, 1808, and departed this life in North Haverhill, July 31, 1895. He was a carpenter and plied his trade in Lowell, Mass., many years, also engaging in work in Concord and Franklin for some time. His retirement took place when he was seventy-five

years of age, making his home afterwards for the remainder of his days with his son in North Haverhill. He was a member of the M. E. Church, becoming a communicant at the age of fifteen years. In politics he was one of the first Free-Soilers in the State, and was very prominent in the Free Soil organization in the town of Meredith. Upon the birth of the Republican party Mr. Sleeper became an earnest advocate of its principles. He married Sarah S. Mason, daughter of Francis and Comfort Mason, the former of Stratton and the latter of Portsmouth, N. H. Mrs. Sleeper was born in Meredith, Sept. 18, 1809, and is still living in North Haverhill with her son, Hibbard S. Sleeper. She reared three children: Francis S., born March 13, 1833; Hibbard S.; and William H., born Aug. 18, 1841, and died in Lowell, Mass., Feb. 24, 1857.

Hibbard S. Sleeper attended the schools of New Hampton and North Haverhill, N. H., and the Academy of Newbury, Vt., until his eighteenth year. At that time his parents were residents of Lowell, Mass., so he took advantage of the splendid opportunity to learn the machinist's trade in the factories of that town, and worked at his trade for five years. Subsequently he worked for the Boston & Lowell R. R. in the shops and on the road for two or three years. His next employment was as a dealer in produce, buying and shipping to Boston, Lawrence, and Lowell, Mass., Manchester, N. H., and occasionally to the cities of Rhode Island. For the last ten years Mr. Sleeper has sold farm implements through the towns of Bath, Haverhill, Piermont, and Benton.

His first marriage took place in 1860, when he was united to Ellen M. Kelsey, daughter of Orlando and Miranda Kelsey of Lisbon, Grafton Co., N. H. One daughter, Nellie B., was the issue of this union; she married Thomas E. Bliffin, a teacher of a class in drafting in Boston. On Christmas day, 1867, at Wells River, Mr. Sleeper was again united in marriage, this time to Elizabeth E. Watson, daughter of John H. and Caroline A. (Smith) Watson. Mrs. Sleeper is a member of the Baptist Church of Franklin, N. H. Our subject is a member of Grafton Lodge, No. 46, F. & A. M., of Haverhill. He is a Republican in national politics, and has served as tax collector of the town.







GEORGE F. PETTENGILL.

GEORGE F. PETTENGILL, superintendent of schools of the town of Enfield, and a farmer and teacher, was born in the above town Sept. 10, 1849. He is a son of Frederick and Nancy (Burnham) Pettengill, grandson of Zachaeus and Judith (Sanborn) Pettengill, and great-grandson of Matthew and Mary (Hall) Pettengill.

Matthew Pettengill came from England with two brothers when about eighteen years old and settled at Salisbury, N. H., where he married and began life; after a number of years' residence there he came up to the southeast corner of the town of Enfield and took up 600 acres of land, which were granted him by King George. With his sons he began a clearing, felled the trees and cleared the land and sowed the field with grain; returning in the fall, they followed farming several seasons before he brought all of his family there and made a permanent home, being sheltered at first in a rude structure built of logs, but later they lived in a house, which was very pretentious for those times and that locality. In his part of the county he laid out the roads which took the place of paths, whose location and direction were located by cuts on the sides of the trees. The barn on the farm, where our subject resides, was built by Matthew Pettengill over 100 years ago and is still doing excellently. To each of his sons he gave a good farm and helped them to build their farm buildings. He died about seventy years old, having been preceded by his wife at an earlier date. His sons were: Zacheus, Carlton, Matthew, and Jonathan.

Zacheus Pettengill was born in Salisbury, N. H., and helped his father clear their new farm in Enfield; he received 200 acres from his father, and built his farm-buildings near where A. J. Buswell lives, dying at the age of thirty-six of consumption; his wife lived to be eighty-two years old. Their children were: Benjamin S., Frederick, Eliza, Cynthia, Judith, and Hannah.

Frederick, our subject's father, was born in Enfield and received from his father the farm which George F. Pettengill now owns; the buildings were built by Matthew and Zacheus Pettengill. Frederick cleared more of the land, and like his ancestors became a very progressive farmer, living to the good old age of eighty-six. He held a commission as captain in the State militia. He was a Congregationalist in his

views on religion. His wife passed away to the scenes beyond the river at the age of seventy-eight. Their children were: Mary Jane; Horace G., who served in the late war; George F.; and Warren L.

George F. Pettengill attended the district school and Canaan and Meriden academies, and at the age of seventeen began teaching, which he has followed quite constantly ever since along with his farming. He has taught sixty terms of school, and is now the teacher of his district; for the past fifteen years he has been superintendent of the schools of the town, and a member of the school board. He is a Democrat politically, and was selectman in 1876. Our subject owns the old homestead of 150 acres and carries on farming there. Aug. 31, 1887, he married Mary E. Hall, daughter of Frank and Eliza (Kimball) Hall of Canaan. Mr. and Mrs. Pettengill have one son, Laurence A., born Aug. 20, 1892.

We are pleased to be able to present Mr. Pettengill's portrait, which appears on a page in proximity, as he is a fitting representative of the educators and school teachers of the county and worthy a prominent place.

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AUSTIN G. OLNEY, a locomotive engineer in the employ of the B. & M. R. R., living in Woodsville, was born in Danville, Province of Quebec, Canada, April 13, 1845. He is a son of Joel L. and Hannah (McGoon) Olney; the former was born in Danville, P. Q., a farmer by occupation, and an attendant of the Methodist Church. He was a son of Stephen and Rachel (Leet) Olney. Stephen Olney was a farmer, and died, when our subject was a boy, at the age of eighty-eight. His wife lived to be over ninety-eight years old. Our subject's mother was a daughter of Jacob and Hannah McGoon. To Austin G. Olney's parents were born the following six children: George lives at Groton, Vt.; Horatio, deceased; Austin G.; Stephen lives at Nicollette, P. Q.; William lives at Kingsey, P. Q.; and John, who lives at Claremont, N. H.

Mr. Olney passed his boyhood at Danville, and received a good education in the schools of that town until he was twelve years of age, when he worked on a farm till 1871. In that year he

began railroading as watchman for nine months, and then as fireman for seven years. In 1879 he became an engineer, and has been one ever since. On Nov. 30, 1896, he was one of the victims in a head-end collision, where he jumped and saved himself, but lost a foot.

Our subject married as his first wife, in 1868, Julia H. Smith, who presented him with three children: Ralph E. married Vina P. Moulton; Roscoe G. married Hattie M. (now deceased), the daughter of Silas and Melva (Bean) Howland of Jericho, Vt.; there was born to them one child, Hattie Ethel; and Roy. His second wife was Viola J. Glover. His first wife was a member of the Congregational Church; the present Mrs. Olney and her husband are members of the M. E. Church. He is a member of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F.; and has been a Democrat all his life.

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JAMES WOODWARD, a retired farmer, living in Haverhill, was born in the same town, June 21, 1818. He is a son of Joshua and Susan (Pool) Woodward, and grandson of Judge James and Hannah (Clark) Woodward.

Judge James Woodward came to Haverhill and purchased a meadow farm in 1763; two years later he married his first wife, Hannah Clark, with which occurrence is connected a very pretty romance. Judge Ladd came to Haverhill very soon after James Woodward and brought in his family a bright girl of fifteen summers, named Hannah Clark, intending her to be the wife of a brother of his, when she came to a suitable age. It so happened that James Woodward, when calling at the house, took a fancy to the girl, and soon found the feeling reciprocated, and at that juncture of course called more frequently than before. When this highly interesting state of affairs was discovered by Judge Ladd, James was forbidden the house, but managed occasionally to have clandestine meetings with his lady-love. Finally he thought of a plan to outwit his adversaries, and achieve a complete victory, but it was necessary that his sweetheart be informed of the plan, and how to get word to her was something hard to do, so closely was she watched. Confiding in his friend, Ephraim Bailey, he enlisted his interest, and he in turn

drew his lady-love, Hannah Fellows, into the plot. On a certain day Hannah Fellows called at Judge Ladd's home for a visit with Hannah Clark, and purposely remained late, in the meantime disclosing to Miss Clark the plan. When it had grown dark she started to go home and asked the latter to accompany her a part of the way home. As they crossed the meadow they were met opposite the cabin of James Woodward by Ephraim Bailey and Rev. Powers, who conducted them into the cabin, and there the knot was soon tied in a good substantial fashion, Mr. Woodward having procured a special license which dispensed with the necessity of "crying the bans in meeting." After the ceremony Hannah Clark returned to her home at Judge Ladd's, and was gone so short a time that no one could suspicion anything out of the ordinary had taken place. Mrs. Ladd was in complete ignorance of the occurrence until a friend from Newbury, Vt., where the minister, who performed the ceremony, resided, called one day, and in the course of the conversation told her that the affair was the gossip of the town over in Vermont. Mrs. Ladd could not believe it, but said she would soon know. Calling Hannah into the room she asked if the report was true, and was told that it was; like a true, noble-hearted woman, she then and there forgave the girl, telling her to go to her husband, remarking that she would never stand between husband and wife. The couple, thus happily joined together, sailed the matrimonial seas together for forty years, till Death, that great wrecker, separated them. Hannah Clark Woodward died Oct. 21, 1805. Judge Woodward in later years, after the death of his first wife, married Elizabeth, widow of Dr. Samuel Pool, and died in 1821. No children were born of the second marriage.

Joshua Woodward was born in Haverhill, and devoted his greatest attention through life to the pursuit of agriculture. He was also a surveyor and a conveyancer, writing in his time many deeds, wills, leases, etc. He was a very prominent man in the town, and was one of the first Abolitionists, being a colleague of William Lloyd Garrison, Parker Pillsbury, and others bold in the fight for right. He made the prediction that he would live to see slavery abolished, and he did, for he lived to hear Lincoln's proclamation of January, 1863. In the Congre-



gational Church, in which he was a valued worker, his services were usually estimated to be very desirable, but at one time Joshua Woodward actually excommunicated the church. He introduced resolutions in the church meeting, condemning slavery, which some very conservative and shrinking souls would not allow to be passed. Thereupon, Mr. Woodward would have nothing more to do with the members, until they changed their minds. As he had been a leading member in their councils, they missed his presence, and finally agreed to pass the resolutions if he would work once more with them. In the town he held various offices, combining responsibility and honor to the entire satisfaction of the citizens. His wife, Susan Pool, was a daughter of Dr. Samuel Pool and Elizabeth Hale. The latter was a daughter of Dr. John Hale, a surgeon in the Revolutionary army; Dr. Samuel Pool being his assistant surgeon; Elizabeth received his pension till her death. Dr. John Hale married a Miss Hall, a cousin of Prescott, the historian. Dr. Samuel Pool was at one time a very wealthy man, but owing to injudicious investments, most of his large property was dissipated. He died at an early age, and his widow, as has already been noted, married Judge James Woodward, after the death of his first wife. To our subject's parents were born the following children: Elizabeth, who died young; Susan, who also died in her youth; James, the subject of this sketch; and Henry, deceased.

James Woodward was born on the old home place, about one mile north of Haverhill; he grew up on the farm, now owned by Mr. Jewett. At the age of twelve he returned with his parents to the home, where he was born. He attended the district schools and academy at Haverhill Corners, which was at that time a very fine school. When nineteen years of age he rented the farm of his father for two years, and then bought his present farm, adjoining the house, in which his father was then living. There was a cloud on his title, and our subject fought a legal contest of twenty-six years, winning at last. In the course of the years the "lawing" over the property required so much expense that the value of the property was lost sight of; in the end Mr. Woodward was a poorer man, but satisfied that he won the case. Later on he bought the farm which had been the home of his father for a

number of years. He sold it afterwards to Mr. Bailey. He still owns the old home place where both he and his father before him were born; he owns some 175 acres in all. He is a Republican in his politics, and an occasional attendant of the Congregational Church of Haverhill, of which Mrs. Woodward is a member.

James Woodward was married Jan. 14, 1849, in Haverhill, to Miss Louisa Hunt, who was born in Bath. She was a daughter of Caleb S. and Rebecca (Pool) Hunt, to which couple were born eleven children, of whom nine lived to acquire homes of their own. Caleb Hunt was born in Bath, N. H., and lived to be seventy-seven years old; he was a clothier, and had a factory in Bath; he was a Universalist in religious belief, and a Whig in his politics. Rebecca Pool, who was born in Hollis, N. H., and lived to be seventy-one years old, was a daughter of Dr. Samuel and Elizabeth (Hale) Pool. To Mr. and Mrs. Woodward were born five children, four of whom are living: Horace Hunt, who is in Forbes's lithographing establishment in New York City, married Fannie Spear, and has five children: Pearletta Crosby, Louisa Katherine, James Oscar, Robert Bruce, and Walter; Susan Emily; Ellen Hunt; Sarah Reed; and Harry, who was taken away at the age of seventeen.

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HENRY S. BAILEY, a well-to-do agriculturist, living on his farm, near Haverhill Village, was born in Newbury, Vt., Aug. 31, 1844. He is a son of Azro and Hannah (Lang) Bailey, to whom were born the following ten children: Henry S., the subject of this short sketch; Albert E., who lives in Newry, Me.; Clara M., deceased; Nelson, who lives in Chelsea, Mass.; Hazen H., deceased; Edwin, who lives near Helena, Mont.; Charles F., who resides in Lawrence, Mass.; Hazen H., who makes his home in Yocoma, Tex.; Herbert F., who lives with Edwin in Helena, Mont.; Mary W., who married Alonzo Prescott, of Helena, Mont., Feb. 7, 1893.

Azro Bailey was born in Newbury, Vt., June 30, 1814, and died July 10, 1884; he finished his education in Newbury Seminary, and took up the vocation of a farmer as a means of livelihood.

He was a Republican, but never sought political advancement. His wife, Hannah Lang, was born in the town of Bath, N. H., Oct. 31, 1820, and died Aug. 14, 1889. She was a daughter of Sherburn and Mehitabel (Ricker) Lang. Sherburn was of Scotch extraction, and was engaged in agriculture. He was a captain in the militia and held the office of selectman and other political offices of his town. Mehitabel Ricker was a daughter of Eben Ricker, who teamed between Bath and Boston before the introduction of the railroads. Azro Bailey was a son of Abner and Betsey (Hibbard) Bailey; the former born in Newbury, April 30, 1778, and died May 9, 1852; the latter born Oct. 11, 1790, and died Nov. 17, 1857. Mr. Bailey's death was sudden, resulting from an attack of paralysis, which came upon him unawares while holding a post for his son in building a fence. His first wife was a Miss Merrill, who died a few days after the birth of her first child, which survived her but a short time.

Our subject was reared in Newbury, and attended the common schools of that place, and Bath Academy until eighteen years of age, going to school in the winter season and engaging in farm work in the summer. When eighteen years old he enlisted in Co. C., 15th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., at Bath, and served one year, seeing active army service in the Mississippi Valley under General Banks at Port Hudson; he also did guard duty at Carrollton, six miles above New Orleans. When his time had expired he came up the river to Cairo, Ill., thence by rail to Chicago, and from there home. Mr. Bailey was sick and in poor health for a year after his return from the front. For several years he worked out on farms, and in 1868 made his home on his present farm with his father and mother; he bought the farm from his father, and has been in charge of it ever since.

He was joined in the bonds of matrimony Feb. 20, 1877, at Haverhill, to Ellen A. Swan, who was born in Suncook, N. H. She is a daughter of Henry Swan, whose wife, Sarah Gerald, was born March 25, 1818, and married to him May 7, 1838; Mrs. Swan is still living with her son near Haverhill at the age of seventy-eight. Henry Swan, a mechanic in a cotton mill, was born Sept. 1, 1814, and died July 22, 1895. His parents were Benjamin and Grace (Carr) Swan. The Carr family was from Corinth, Vt. Ben-

jamin, who was a farmer by occupation, came from Haverhill, N. H., and kept a tavern for many years in the early days in a brick house, near the brook, a mile north of Oliverian Brook Village. He was a son of Phineas and Tryphena Swan; the former died Jan. 16, 1829, aged seventy-seven years; the latter departed this life April 22, 1843, at the age of ninety.

There was born to our subject and wife, Sept. 6, 1884, a child named Fred M. Mr. Bailey is a member of the G. A. R., Nathaniel Westgate Post, No. 50, of North Haverhill. In politics he is a Republican.

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CHARLES L. CUMMINGS, an engineer on the B. & M. R. R., living in Woodsville, was born in that village Sept. 22, 1858, and is a son of George S. and Marietta (Vinton) Cummings. Our subject's father was born in New Hampton, N. H., in 1829, and there passed his early years, securing a good common school education. When he became of age he began railroading, continuing in that service for fifteen years. He became a resident of Woodsville, upon the advent of the railroad in 1854. The firm of C. B. Drake, proprietors of the large drug store of Woodsville, was founded by him, and he retained an active interest until 1890. His death took place in 1894. His first wife was Marietta Vinton of Greenfield, Vt.; she died at the age of thirty-nine, leaving three children: George E., superintendent of the White Mountain Division of the B. & M. R. R.; Charles L., the subject of this sketch; and Wesley B., who lives in Lindenville, Vt. By a second alliance with Mary Harrington of Littleton, he was presented with one daughter, Mary H. (Noble). Mrs. Cummings still survives her husband, and makes her home in Woodsville. In business circles his word was as good as gold; he was highly respected for his many excellent traits of character.

Charles L. Cummings spent his early years, until the age of fourteen, in the schools of Woodsville. At the age of fifteen, when he made his first trip as a fireman on an engine, he had already worked a year in the round-house, familiarizing himself with machinery. He served as fireman about seven years, when he was given



his present position of engineer. Although rather young for so important a position, he had shown by his steady, careful work that he was fully capable of filling the position.

Oct. 28, 1886, at Woodsville, he was united in marriage with Jennie L. Moore, who was born at Lancaster, N. H. Mrs. Cummings and one brother, Fred H. Moore of Livermore, N. H., were the only children of Orville and Caroline (Blood) Moore. Orville Moore was born in Lancaster in 1836, departing this life in 1892, and was a son of Joseph B. and Eunice (McIntyre) Moore. Caroline Blood, who is making her home with our subject, was born in Littleton, N. H., and is a daughter of Varnum and Lydia (Kinney) Blood. Lydia Kinney's parents were Enoch and Jane Kinney. Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Cummings have been blessed with one child, Hazel C., born Feb. 3, 1892. Mrs. Cummings is a member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Cummings is a member of the Mooshillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Democrat.

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FRANK L. WILMOT, a farmer living near North Haverhill, was born on the farm where he resides, May 12, 1850; he is a son of Haran and Lydia S. (Martin) Wilmot, and a grandson of Timothy Wilmot.

Haran Wilmot was born in Thetford, Vt., and was six months old when his father came to Haverhill, in 1815. Timothy Wilmot, who was a farmer, and also a shingle-maker by trade, sold this farm, on which he first settled, in 1824, and cleared another farm later in life. Haran Wilmot was the eldest of a family of twelve children, four boys and eight girls; his youngest brother, Harvey B., was a noted clothier of Boston. Haran was reared in Haverhill, and there secured a common school education. He worked at home till he attained his majority, and then was employed in the summers by the Pike Brick Co.; working in the woods in the winter time for six years at the wage of \$13.00 per month, and only lost fourteen days in all that time; his entire savings of that time he invested in a mechanics store, and lost all in its failure. He then bought a farm of seventy acres, on which our subject lives. When he first became

owner the land was rough and covered with pine stumps, and would not produce enough hay for two cows, but the property became valuable and very productive under his able management, and proved a very good investment. He was a carpenter and builder in addition to farming, and besides his own house and barns, built many others in the neighborhood. He retired about 1880 and turned over the farm to Frank L., his eldest son, the subject of this sketch; Haran Wilmot's death took place June 11, 1896. His wife, Lydia S. Martin, was a daughter of Benjamin Martin, a farmer, who died in the 70's, aged seventy-four. She bore Mr. Wilmot the following children: Frank L.; George E. of Boston, chief clerk for the B. & M. R. R., now traveling in the south for his health; and Nellie B. (Crook).

Our subject attended the schools in his neighborhood until he was twenty years old, and upon the attaining of his majority took the management of the farm in partnership with his father, and for the past year, since the death of his father, has conducted the farm alone. Most of his attention is devoted to dairy farming, for the farm embraces much valuable grazing ground; he has about twenty cows, and a small flock of sheep.

He was married March 8, 1871, at Center Haverhill to Ellen A. Hutchins, who was born in Benton, and is a daughter of Joseph and Susan (Brown) Hutchins, to whom was born the following family of children: Marynette (Flanders); Ellen; Betsey Jane, deceased; Sallie Ann, deceased; and Charles, who is working at Woodsville for the B. & M. R. R. Joseph Hutchins, a farmer by occupation, was a son of Benjamin and Philena (Kith) Hutchins. Benjamin was a farmer and a cooper by trade. Susan Brown was a daughter of John and Olive (Colby) Brown.

To our subject and his wife one child has been born, Maude L. Mr. Wilmot is a member of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F., of Woodsville; and of Pink Granite Grange, No. 210. He is an attendant of the M. E. Church. Since coming of age he has never failed to vote the Republican ticket and support the party of his choice in every honorable way in his power. He is a road surveyor, and one of the town policemen.



EZRA B. WILLOUGHBY, a prominent agriculturist, pursuing his vocation near the village of North Haverhill, was born in East Warren, N. H., Feb. 18, 1852; his parents were Horatio and Sarah (French) Willoughby.

Horatio Willoughby was born on Briar Hill, and lived in the towns of Haverhill and Warren all his life, where he was engaged in farming. In politics he was a Democrat, but with no taste for active partisan work. He was a son of Josiah Willoughby. Sarah French was born on Brier Hill, March 10, 1816, of Richardson and Sallie (Whitcher) French. Richardson, or Dick French, as he was popularly known among his acquaintances, was a renowned bear hunter, and holds the proud record of having killed more bears than any other man in the county. His father, Barzilla French, great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Epping, N. H., March 15, 1775. His wife, Sallie Whitcher, was born in Warren, N. H. A stirring adventure is related of her when in the extreme years of her youth. One day, when she was only three years old, her parents went to Warren Summit, leaving her in the care of her older brothers. The little girl wandered away after her parents, was lost, and for three days the country thereabout was searched in vain. Strange to tell, a man in an adjoining town, who had heard of her disappearance, dreamed each night that she was in a certain locality; the constant repetition of the dream so impressed him that he sought out the place, and found her there unharmed, but very hungry and worn. The family of our subject's parents were the following five children: Burton F., who died in infancy; Mahala F. married Carlos A. Cummings in Bath, and lives there now; Josiah R. lives in Haverhill township; Ezra B. is the subject of this sketch; and Cyrus I., who is numbered among those who have gone before.

Ezra B. Willoughby passed the first eight years of his life in the town of Warren, going from there to Haverhill. Both of his parents died when he was a young lad, and he accordingly went to live with his sister, Mrs. Cummings, until he was sixteen, when he struck out to support himself. He worked on farms as a hired hand until he was twenty-one, attending school in the winters and whenever opportunity offered; in this way, he was enabled to secure a

few terms schooling in the high school of Lisbon. He then went into partnership in the lumbering business in Bath with his brother-in-law, Carlos A. Cummings, for two years. He bought the timber land, cut down the trees, and drew the logs to the mill, where he hired them sawed and then disposed of the lumber. Upon his retirement from this business he sold his timber lands and came to North Haverhill, where he clerked in a store for a year, afterwards buying the store and operating it on his own account for another year. He then settled on his present farm, which then belonged to his wife's father, with whom he managed the farm until 1890, since which time he has conducted it himself. Mr. Willoughby has added to the original plot 120 acres, making a farm of 280 acres in all. The farm is composed of timber, meadow, and plow land; the most is in meadow and pasture land, with only about sixty acres under cultivation, although 100 acres of rich land could be turned by the plow if necessity demanded it. At present Mr. Willoughby is making use of the greatest resources of the farm by conducting a dairy. He is known as a man who is ever on the alert for advanced ideas in the successful pursuit of agriculture, and has embodied many practical thoughts in his administration of the farm. His stock is of good, standard strains that have been tested for their money-making qualities.

Our subject was married May 1, 1874, in North Haverhill, to Florence A. Rideout, who was born in Haverhill of Nathan P. and Rumina D. (French) Rideout, both of St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Nathan P. Rideout was born in Plymouth, N. H., April 5, 1824, and lived in that village till 1840, when he went to Woodbury, Vt., and passed the remaining years of his minority. He then spent three years in St. Johnsbury, during the last year of which he worked as a carpenter, and three years in Chelsea, Mass., as a house painter. In 1851 he moved to St. Johnsbury, then to North Haverhill, and made his home in the very same house that still furnishes him shelter. As his wife wished him to take up farming, in 1855 he bought forty acres of land, and at subsequent periods added 210 more acres. Since 1890 Mr. Rideout has been living in a retired fashion at home. He married, March 14, 1851, Rumina French, daughter of Samuel and Hulda (Haskell) French. Samuel French was from the





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State of Connecticut, and kept a tavern at St. Johnsbury Center. He also owned a freight wagon, and hauled goods from Boston, and later from Concord, when the railroad had been finished to that point. About fourteen horses were kept at different points on the road to serve as successive relays. Mr. Rideout used to drive for him. Nathan P. Rideout was a son of Willard and Irena (Penniman) Rideout, and grandson of John Rideout. Irena Penniman was the daughter of Nathan Penniman, was born in Plymouth, and died in Woodbury, Vt. Willard Rideout was born in Plymouth, and died in East Calais, Vt. Our subject's wife, Florence Rideout, was the only child born to her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby are members of the M. E. Church. In politics our subject is uniformly a Republican; in the spring of 1896, despite his protestations, the office of selectman was forced upon him by his devoted admirers. Three children have come to bless the union of our subject and his wife: Earl C., Leon LeRoy, and Harold R.

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GEN. CHARLES O. HURLBUTT, High Sheriff of Grafton Co. and a resident of the town of Lebanon, was born Sept. 22, 1844, in the town of Hanover, this county. He is a son of Elihu and Emeline L. (Goodell) Hurlbutt, the former of Hanover and the latter of Lyme, N. H.

Elihu Hurlbutt, our subject's father, who is still living, is a member of the seventh generation from Thomas Hurlbutt, the first member of the family in America.

Thomas Hurlbutt, the first, arrived about 1635, and was a soldier under Lion Gardiner, who built and commanded a fort at Saybrook, Conn., which was the beginning of the colony planted there. Gardiner is supposed to have embarked in London in the month of August, 1635, arriving at Saybrook in November with his wife, a female servant, and eleven male passengers; it is thought that our subject's ancestor was one of this band of eleven. Nothing is known of Thomas Hurlbutt's ancestry, nor of his connections prior to his coming to the colonies, although he was probably of Scotch origin. In establishing and maintaining the

colony at Saybrook the men had frequent brushes with the Indians, and in one of these encounters with the Pequots Mr. Hurlbutt was wounded with an arrow, in 1637, but not very seriously. He was a blacksmith, and after the war with the Indians he established himself in the infant settlement of Wethersfield, Conn., as one of its pioneer inhabitants and the first blacksmith of the place. He was a good workman and charged good prices, which brought him into disfavor at one time with the town authorities and he "was fined forty shillings for encouraging others in taking excessive rates for work and ware"; the fine was remitted later on. Our subject's ancestor was a man of unblemished character and of good standing in the community; he was clerk of the "Train Band" in 1640, deputy of the General Court, grand juror, and also constable in 1644. He received grants for numerous tracts of land in return for his services; one of 120 acres was for his work in the Indian War. His wife, Sarah, whose surname is not known, bore him six children, the five youngest of whom were sons.

Of these five sons, Thomas Hurlbutt, Jr., was the eldest; he was probably born in Wethersfield, Conn., where he learned his father's trade of blacksmithing, and succeeded him in business. His first wife's name was Lydia, and the second's Elizabeth. Of four sons born to Thomas Hurlbutt, Jr., Thomas Hurlbutt, the third, was the eldest, and probably a son of the first wife.

Thomas Hurlbutt, the third, was born, it is most likely, in Wethersfield, Conn., about 1660. Of a family of four sons born to him, Gideon was the youngest.

Gideon Hurlbutt was born in Woodbury, Conn., baptized in 1688, and removed to the town of Westport, where his thread of life was severed in his seventieth year, dying March 9, 1757. His wife Margaret died Feb. 28, 1754, in her fifty-fourth year.

Nathaniel Hurlbutt, the great-grandfather of our subject, second in a family of four sons born to Gideon Hurlbutt, was born in the month of March, 1736, in Westport, Conn., it is supposed. He settled first in Washington, Conn., coming from there about the year 1782 to the town of Hanover, Grafton Co., locating on Road Four. This farm in Hanover remained his home until his death, Sept. 6, 1817, aged 81; the farm was

owned in 1861 by his grandson, David. He married Betty Taylor, born March 7, 1736, a daughter of Capt. John and Hannah (Stewart) Taylor; she survived her husband about ten years, departing this life Sept. 13, 1827. Of a family of seven boys and one daughter born to Nathaniel and Betty (Taylor) Hurlbutt, David Hurlbutt, grandfather of Charles O. Hurlbutt, was the youngest.

Our subject's grandfather, born in Danbury, Conn., March 11, 1772, came to Hanover with his parents when eleven years old, and lived there most of his life, inheriting his father's farm, dying there July 14, 1852. He was married in Hanover, Jan. 10, 1797, to Gratia Taylor, who was born in Fairfield, Conn., June 17, 1777, a daughter of Rev. James Taylor; she died Aug. 19, 1819. He was again joined in the bonds of Hymen, Jan. 3, 1820, to Ruth Freeman, born Nov. 25, 1785, a daughter of Otis and Mary Freeman of the town of Hanover. Of a family of seventeen born to David by his two wives, Elihu, our subject's father, was next to the youngest.

Elihu Hurlbutt was born in Hanover on the homestead in the northern part of the town, June 2, 1814, and lived there until he was twenty-seven years old, at which period in his life he bought his present farm in Hanover, on which he has lived fifty-five years. He attended the district schools when a boy until eighteen years of age, and then with his brother operated his father's farm two or three years; his brother bought the farm, and Elihu worked for him a few years until he bought his present home. His farm comprises 160 acres.

He was married in Lyme, June 8, 1842, to Lucy Emeline Goodell, born April 28, 1821, a daughter of John and Lucy Goodell of Lyme, N. H. Of nine children born to Elihu Hurlbutt and his wife, six survive: Charles O., the subject of this sketch, sheriff of the county, lives in Lebanon; Lucy Roselle married Prof. Sherman of Dartmouth College, and resides in Hanover; Willard Goodell is engaged in farming with his father; Fanny Grace married George C. Medbury, a real estate man of Kansas City, Missouri; Harriet Augusta married Prof. John B. Hazen of Dartmouth College; Ida married Charles Melvin, a commercial traveler, with headquarters at Kansas City. Mr. Hurlbutt is a member

of the Congregational Church of Hanover Center. In politics, he is a Republican, and has not missed a single Presidential election since 1836, when he was a Whig. He was postmaster of Hanover Center for about thirty years, a State justice of the peace since 1856, and a selectman for two years. He is still prominently identified with the business interests of Hanover, being a large land owner and a merchant.

Gen. Charles O. Hurlbutt obtained his education in the district schools of his native town, and at the Newbury, Vt., and Meriden academies. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in Co. E., 9th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., and followed its fortunes until the close of the war. At the battle of South Mountain, though a mere lad, he took single-handed the first prisoner ever taken by his regiment. He was at the battles of Antietam, and the Wilderness campaign at Vicksburg, Jackson, and many other engagements of lesser importance.

On his return from the war Gen. Hurlbutt engaged in the lumber business at Lyme, and when his mill was destroyed by fire he took charge of important milling interests in Deerfield, Mass. About 1870 he removed to the town of Lebanon, and has since resided there, for thirteen years being engaged in the lumber business. Our subject has for many years been considered the finest instructor of horses in the State, and has devoted a great deal of time to handling, breaking, and training vicious horses; he has had some very bad horses that were thought well-nigh impossible to make docile and tractable, but he has never failed to subdue them. He has a boarding stable, and owns some of the finest roadsters in New Hampshire, or any other State, for that matter. Black Sam, who has been owned and taught by him from the time he was a colt, is one of the finest built stallions ever raised; Black Sam's fame has spread over this and adjoining States as a most intelligent horse, whose equal does not exist. He seems to understand the English language, for he willingly complies to all expressed wishes without any signal whatever. His horses are all of the bluest blood, and have long pedigrees of their dams and sires. His colts, wherever exhibited, invariably carry off the first honors.

Gen. Hurlbutt married Miss Emily L. Parker, daughter of Enos Parker of Hanover; they have



no children. Our subject has been very prominent in the political circles of the State and county. He represented the town of Lebanon in the Legislature of 1878 and 1879, serving in both upon the railroad committee, proving himself a practical, working member. He was deputy sheriff from 1884 to 1888, and was quartermaster-general upon the staff of Governor Goodell. Under Harrison's administration he was internal revenue collector. In 1890 he was elected high sheriff, re-elected in 1892, and again elected in 1894. He has performed his duties in all his official positions at all times economically, quietly, promptly, and wisely, so as to receive the commendations of men of all parties. Personally, Gen. Hurlbutt is a very genial and companionable gentleman, whose unfailing kindness of heart and ever-ready hand make hosts of friends for him. As a representative citizen and as a man prominent in business and politics, we are sure that a portrait of Gen. Hurlbutt would be much appreciated, and so it is with genuine pleasure we add it to swell the many interesting features of this work.

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PARDON W. ALLEN, a prominent farmer of Center Haverhill, was born in Craftsbury, Vt., April 26, 1848. He is a son of George W. and Lydia (Hoyt) Allen, grandson of Josiah and Charlotte (Whitney) Allen, and great-grandson of Ira H. Allen. The last named was a brother of Ethan Allen, of Green Mountain Boy fame, and the first Secretary of War in Washington's Cabinet. He came from England with his father in the early Colonial days. Josiah Allen, who was from Iresby, Vt., lived to be ninety-six years old; at the age of ninety-four, in showing his grandson, the subject of this sketch, over the farm, he was as spry as a young man, climbing walls and fences as nimbly and with as little effort as one would expect from a young man in his twenties. He died about the year 1875. In early life he was a tanner and shoe-maker, and later carried on a farm, becoming one of the wealthiest men in the town. He was a leading member of the M. E. Church, and one of the main supporters of the church; after his death a fine memorial window was put in, in memory of

his useful career and his frequent deeds of good. He could never be prevailed upon to accept any official position at the hands of his friends and warm admirers.

George W. Allen was one of a family of eight children, four boys and four girls. His occupation was that of a farmer, coupled with dealing in cattle. His death occurred in 1856, when forty-one years old, by a strange and unusual accident; he was fishing from a log, and by some mischance he fell from it to a limb, which pierced his vital parts. He was a devout member of the M. E. Church, and a Whig in politics. His wife was born in Craftsbury, and was a daughter of Wyman and Diana (Pennock) Hoyt, and granddaughter of Willard Hoyt. Willard Hoyt was a wealthy weaver from Paisley, Scotland, and was an old man when he came to this country and settled in Craftsbury, where he became a prominent farmer. He died and was buried in that town, and in the M. E. Church is a memorial window to his honor. His son, Wyman Hoyt, was born in Craftsbury, and died there in 1858 or 1859 at the age of seventy-three. He was a farmer by occupation, and at one time owned about one-half of the town of Craftsbury, he and his brother having received from their father 1,500 acres of land in one solid tract. His wife, Diana Pennock, was one of nine children; there were born to them six sons, and each received a large farm. There were born to our subject's parents five children: Wyman H., Pardon W., Frederick, Eliza C., and Agnes.

Pardon W. lived in Craftsbury till he was thirteen years old, and at that age became the first recruit in Co. E., 8th Reg. Vt. Vol. Inf., enlisting Aug. 16, 1861; his fourteenth birthday took place when he was in the army. He served four years, and was mustered out of the service July 30, 1865. He was wounded at Spottsylvania Court House, and was consequently laid up for ten months, and afterward was put on detached duty in the commanding general's office; he was wounded May 12, 1864. It was his misfortune and unpleasant fate to experience capture three different times, and to thus become acquainted with Confederate prison life. He was first taken prisoner at Bayou La Fouché, La., July, 1862, and was taken with his comrades in distress into the swamps to Ship Island on parole and were then exchanged. He was captured again in the



early spring of 1863 while serving on the Rapidan at a ford, near Kelley's Ford. Three prisoners, including himself, were thrust into a cabin which had a large window high up in the wall, in juxtaposition to a large chimney. Their captors, having found some very mellow applejack in the cellar, imbibed too frequently and long at the intoxicating liquor and became very drunk, and so our subject and one companion took advantage of the foe's weakness and escaped to the Union lines, reaching there safely the next night. He was captured the third and last time in the fall of 1863, near Appomattox Court House, and was sent to Andersonville Prison, where he suffered the most inhuman treatment and barbarities for three months, weighing only ninety-six pounds when released; the processes or projections on the vertebrae of his backbone even protruded through the skin. When exchanged he came home for a sixty days' furlough, which was increased because of his weakened condition to ninety days; on his return to the army he joined it when fighting in the Wilderness. His wound occurred to him after this, and from that time to the close of the war he was on detached service as first lieutenant of Co. F., 17th Reg. Vt. Vol. Inf.

On Oct. 25, 1865, he joined his fortunes for good or bad with those of Dorcas Howe, in Bath, N. H.; Miss Howe was a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Royce) Howe. To Mr. and Mrs. Allen were born five children: Guy L. died at the age of two years; Lenwood H. died at the age of twenty-two; Effie E. married George M. Gale, deceased. Mr. Gale was born at North Haverhill, N. H., May 15, 1863, and died Oct. 12, 1896, his death being caused by a railroad accident. He began the railroad life as brakeman in June, 1887, was promoted to baggage-master, and served in that capacity for some six years; since 1893 he was in charge of a train on a regular run as its conductor. He was a member of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F. He held to the good old Democratic principles in his politics. Ward W., the fourth child of our subject, attended school at Craftsbury, Vt., and is now in a training school for medical students in Waverly, Mass. Frank, the youngest, is deceased.

After the war was over Mr. Allen lived one year in Danville, Vt., four years in Haverhill,

then nine years in Benton, two years in Craftsbury, Vt., and since 1886 has been a resident of Haverhill, with the exception of two years spent in Craftsbury to take care of his old mother in her declining years. He bought his present farm in Haverhill in September, 1896. Mr. Allen is a member of the Advent Church, and his wife is a member of the M. E. Church of North Haverhill. In politics he is a Republican, and has been frequently honored with positions of trust and responsibility. He was town clerk in Benton seven years, postmaster nine years, superintendent of the school committee seven years, tax collector two years, chairman of the board of supervisors for four years, and justice of the peace for twenty years. He is a member of Pink Granite Grange, No. 210, of North Haverhill; and also a member of Grafton Lodge, No. 46, F. & A. M., of Haverhill; Franklin Chapter, No. 5, of Lisbon. He belongs to the G. A. R., Nat. Westgate Post, No. 50, of North Haverhill.

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GEORGE E. WHITE, a leading dairy farmer and wealthy land-owner of the town of Haverhill, N. H., was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Aug. 20, 1845. He is a son of Charles and Lorraina (Thorn) White, and a grandson of Benjamin White, whose wife was a Miss Giggie.

Our subject's grandfather was a resident of the city of New York, at the outbreak of the War of 1812, and was given the choice by the military authorities of swearing allegiance to the United States or of leaving the country. He accordingly went to New Brunswick, and upon the voyage between his point of departure and his destination Feb. 15, 1811, our subject's father, Charles White, was born. Benjamin White settled in New Brunswick, near the St. John's River, where he cultivated a farm during the most of the remaining portion of his life. He also kept a tavern at Long Leach, N. B.; his death took place at the age of ninety-six from the injuries sustained in a severe fall. He was the father of eleven children, all of whom are dead but Charles, who, at the age of eighty-six, still lives at Wilmot, N. S. Our subject's father was a master of several trades, and able to support himself by means of any one of them; he

was a tinsmith, shoemaker, and a farmer. His wife, Loraina Thorn, was of an English family of noble origin; she was born in Wilmot, N. S., and was a daughter of Dr. Philip Thorn, a farmer, and a Miss Woodward, being the eldest of nine children; she died March 8, 1848, after presenting her husband with the five following children: Caroline; Maria F.; John P.; Charlotte E.; and George E. By a subsequent marriage with Ann Hogan, Charles White added nine more children to the family.

Our subject was reared in Annapolis Valley, N. S., till he was seventeen, attending the common schools up to the age of sixteen. On April 12, after he was seventeen, he came to Boston, where he had to pay \$1.00 capital tax for entering the country. For two months he worked for Calvin Fisher, whose residence was in North Renthrom Bank, and spent the Fourth of July with a sister, who lived at Lowell, Mass.; instead of returning to his former place, he stayed in Lowell and worked for Capt. Fox one month, and in the machine shop of Jere Clark for two months.

He then enlisted in Co. M., 3rd Reg. of Mass. Vol. Cav., and participated in the battles of Pleasant Valley, Maryland Falls Church, a battle near Winchester, and in the campaign on the Red River. He was at Pleasant Valley when he heard of Lincoln's assassination. After the war he was sent to Ft. Leavenworth, and thence by horse to Ft. Kearney to quell an Indian outbreak. On his return to Leavenworth he was mustered out of the service, and returned by way of Canada to Boston, where he was given an honorable discharge. From Boston he went to visit the old folks, and let his father have \$400.00 of his army money to invest in a tin-shop, where it still remains. On his return to Lowell he worked at making harness for looms for two years, and entered the matrimonial state. He also learned the carpenter's trade and followed it some time. For six months he ran a fancy goods store, then sold it, and went to peddling for a time. Being bothered a good deal in his various avocations by his continued state of poor health, he went to California via Panama and Aspinwall, arriving at "Frisco" with only \$5.00 in his pocket. He at once sought out his wife's cousin at Gold Hill, Nev., and after making his way there, worked five months for a dairyman for \$200.00

in gold, and with that capital opened a tin-shop at Geneva, Nev. Ill-luck seemed to pursue his footsteps, for his store was soon destroyed by fire, and he was forced to return to Lowell, Mass., to begin anew; even the ship that transported him from New York to Fall River, R. I., seemed ill-fated, for it was struck by another boat, and all but lost.

During the next few months he worked at various occupations, such as carpentry work, plumbing, and as an engineer, at Lowell, Haverhill, Kinsford, and a number of other places, wherever work and a chance of advancement was offered. The first winter after his return from the Pacific Coast he bought a farm in the town of Benton, Grafton Co., N. H., without ever having viewed it, and made it his home and the scene of his labors for eleven years, farming in the summer and working in the timber in the winter season; he also bought another farm, and then sold all his property in Benton, came to Haverhill, where he rented a farm for two years. In 1889 he bought 310 acres of his present farm, to which he has added from time to time until his possessions amount to almost 500 acres. He follows dairy farming principally, and milks upwards of thirty cows, disposing of his milk to the North Haverhill Creamery, of which he is president. He has improved the property to a large extent by the addition of a large barn, and other necessary farm buildings; a 120-ton silo enables him to feed his cattle green fodder through the winter, thus ensuring a good supply of milk. He speculates to a great extent in live stock, and turns many an honest penny by his shrewd trading. His farm exhibits an appearance of thrift and industry not usually met with.

Mr. White was married Oct. 10, 1868, at Lowell, Mass., to Debora Hilt, who was born in Hope, Me., and is a daughter of Joseph and Mariam (Lampson) Hilt. Joseph Hilt, a son of William and Betsey Hilt, was a ship carpenter by trade, and lived to be seventy-one years of age; his wife died at the age of sixty-five. Mrs. White is the eldest of seven girls born to her parents. She has borne her husband seven children, namely: Loraina, who married Noris Wright of Milford, N. H., and has one child, named Gardener; Cora married Samuel Howe of Benton, and has presented him with four children, Edith, Olive, Susie, and Frank E.; Wesley;



William; Charles; Lula; and John. Mr. and Mrs. White both attend the Second Adventist Church. Mr. White is a member of the G. A. R., Nat. Westgate Post, No. 50, of North Haverhill. He is a Republican in his politics, but was not naturalized as a citizen until so recent a date as June, 1888, although his army service entitled him to a franchise long ago, had he only gone before the court and sworn to his connection with the United States Army, and his service in that organization. From the date of his enfranchisement he has taken a very active interest in politics, both local and national, and bids fair at no very distant date to take a leading place in the town politics, as he is a man who is much respected for his sterling worth and integrity.

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DANIEL AUSTIN SHAW, M. D., now engaged in farming with his son, Edwin W. Shaw, near North Haverhill, but formerly a practicing physician in the town of Haverhill, was born in the town of Holderness, N. H., Oct. 5, 1820. He is a son of Asa and Diedama (York) Shaw.

Asa Shaw was born in Holderness about 1795, and lived to be seventy-four years old, dying in the town of Campton. He was a carpenter and builder by trade, and was actively engaged in building until he was seventy years old; he lived for a time in Lowell, where he took and fulfilled many contracts. He built the farm buildings of Dr. Shaw, his son. He also owned a small farm, where he lived and made his home. His wife was born in Merrimac Co., N. H., and was a daughter of Benjamin and Kisiah (Coffin) York. Benjamin York was a minister of the Free Will Baptist denomination, and owned a farm in Holderness, where he lived. He came there in the pioneer times when the surrounding country was little better than a wilderness; at that period he used to carry grist to the mill on his own back through the forest by a spotted path, going clear to Concord, and returning home in the same manner with the flour on his back. Nine children composed the family that was born to Dr. Shaw's parents; they were named as follows: Alanson, deceased; Daniel Austin; Simeon W., deceased; Lorenzo L. lives in Yarmouth, Me.; Charlotte Mary (Levitt) lives

in Ashland; Elias Hutchins is a resident of Canaan, N. H.; William H. makes his home in Holderness, N. H.; Harriet (Smith), deceased; Corilla A. (Watson) lives in Worcester, Mass.

Dr. Shaw was reared in Holderness and Campton, and attended the district schools of both towns until he was twenty years old. Upon arriving at his majority he married and bought a small farm in Holderness, and remained there one season, when he sold his property and rented farms in Holderness and Campton for some two or three years; after that he lived in Holderness until March, 1856, when he moved to his present farm, consisting of several tracts of land amounting in all to 150 acres, and has made this his home ever since. The proceeds of the farm, which he sold in Holderness, he loaned on poor security, and lost all of it. He studied medicine and practiced in Haverhill a number of years till his health suffered from a severe attack of typhoid fever in 1864, and has since confined his attention to agricultural labors.

He was married Nov. 25, 1841, in Holderness to Esther S. Abbott, a daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Smith) Abbott. Thomas Abbott was born in Hillsborough, N. H., and was a son of Paul and Naomi (Carr) Abbott; the former a son of Darius Abbott, who used to keep a tavern in Andover, Mass., and Mary Holt; the latter, Naomi Carr, was a daughter of Thomas and Hannah Carr. Hannah Smith, a native of New Hampton, N. H., was a daughter of Benjamin and Judith (Pottle) Smith; Benjamin Smith was a soldier of the Revolution; Judith Pottle was a daughter of Samuel Pottle. Mrs. Shaw was the eldest of three children born to her parents, as follows: Esther S.; Thomas P., who died in infancy; and Anna. Dr. Shaw and wife attend the Advent Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served the town as its road surveyor, but is not known as an office-seeker. He is the father of two children; the record reads as follows: Wesley A., who is unmarried, and lives with his parents; and Edwin W.

Edwin W. Shaw is engaged in farming on a portion of his father's farm; he was born in Haverhill, Oct. 27, 1863, and attended the district schools of North Haverhill till he was fourteen years of age, and then went west to see what he could of the world. He reached Wyoming Territory, and remained there a year and a half







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herding on a large cattle ranch; after a year's residence at home in New Hampshire, he again went west and herded cattle for two years. Then upon his return home, and a year's stay, he went to Holland, Mich., working in a hotel there for eight months; he came home and remained through the winter, and again went to Michigan, working nine months on a railroad. Ever since coming home the last time he has been engaged in farming with his father. He married Louise H. Brooks, daughter of Otis and Sallie (Drury) Brooks, who lived in Eston when their daughter was married. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks now make their home in Franconia. Edwin Shaw is a Democrat. He is a member of Pink Granite Grange, No. 210, of North Haverhill. Both he and his father are genial and good-natured men, and have hosts of friends.

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MICHAEL H. BARSTOW, a breeder of fine road horses, and general farmer of the town of Lebanon, was born in Melburn, Canada, Jan. 29, 1824. He is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Hale) Barstow, and grandson of Michael and Ruth (Abbott) Barstow.

Michael Barstow's parents came from England, and he served six years in the Revolutionary War; afterwards he kept one of the first public houses ever kept in Thetford, Vt., but later in life he moved to Campton, and then to Haverhill, N. H., where he died in 1837, at the age of eighty-five; his wife reached the age of ninety-two. It is worthy of mention in this connection that Michael Barstow at the age of seventy would stand on the ground and jump from there to the back of his young horse, and at the age of seventy-four mowed hay all day with a scythe by the side of his son. His children were: William, Henry, Charles, Thomas, Nancy, and Ruth.

Thomas Barstow was born at Campton, N. H., and when a young man went to Welles River, Vt., to accept a situation in a general store; after a few years employment there he went to Rumney, N. H., and carried on a general store himself. After this, having inherited some money from his mother, he entered into the business of buying cattle, driving to market, and there dis-

posing of them, and did very nicely until the close of the War of 1812, when he found himself in the market with a very large drove of cattle, and no demand for them, and the consequence was he suffered a severe loss; he then took his family to Melburn, Canada, and entered into the lumber business; succeeding in this he enlarged the business, and again entered into cattle buying, finding a market for his droves in the city of Quebec. After a number of years engaged in this kind of work he went to Northfield, Vt.; he at length retired from his position, and died in Norwich, Vt., at the age of eighty-seven. His wife also departed this life at the same age. There were born to them the following children: Sarah A.; Harriet M.; Michael H., the subject of this sketch; Thomas, who resides in California; Arthur, whose home is in Boston; Louise; Ruth A.; and William H., who lives in Boston.

Michael H. Barstow attended the district schools, and at the age of seventeen years went to the town of Hanover to learn the mason's trade; having served his apprenticeship and become a skillful workman, he moved to Boston, where he became foreman for Greenleaf & Adams, contractors of masonry work; later on he became partner to Nathan Adams, carrying on masonry work under the firm name of Adams & Barstow, until 1876, in which year he purchased the Cheney farm, in the western part of the town of Lebanon, bordering on the Connecticut River; he chose this location in order that he might be near his aged parents, who lived across the river, in Vermont. He has one of the finest farms in the town, and owns 470 acres, 100 acres of which is in the State of Vermont. Being a great lover of fine horses he has, since his residence in the country, turned his attention to the raising and breeding of fine Hambletonians, and some of the best horses ever raised in the State have come from his stables and have been broken by himself.

He has also a very fine dairy of grade Jerseys, twenty-five in number; he is not only a model farmer in every particular, but also a very successful one. The farm is in the best of condition; the buildings have been remodeled and enlarged, and a new carriage house has been built.

Mr. Barstow married Miss Diana Walker, of Franklin Co., N. Y., and, as their union did not



result in any issue, their love for children and charitable disposition prompted them to adopt the following children: Sarah Mills, who married Franklin I. Spencer; and Jane Austin, who married Fred Walters. He has always supported the Republican party, although refusing all office. While a resident of Boston he was a member of the I. O. O. F. Both Mr. Barstow and his wife are leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Barstow's portrait is shown in connection with this sketch on a foregoing page.

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ELMER E. JONES, a prominent citizen of Enfield, who carries on an extensive business in bicycles, guns, and farming tools, was born in the above town, Sept. 6, 1861, and is a son of Alba C. and Huldah (Currier) Jones, grandson of Isaac and Hannah (Noyce) Jones, and great-grandson of Moses and Mary (Fitts) Jones.

Moses Jones, who was for a long term of years a deacon in the Free Will Baptist Church, was born in Amesbury, Mass., May 21, 1737. He served in the French and Indian War, in which he was taken prisoner, and taken to Canada, where he was held captive. By obtaining the confidence of his captors he gained a little freedom of movement, and so one day, when out hunting, he started through the forest in an attempt to reach an American settlement. When almost worn out by fatigue he came to a Canadian settler, who, taking pity on him, gave him food, and kept him hid for a time from the Indians, who upon his departure gave chase. By a rare chance he was fortunate enough to sight an English vessel, which in response to his signals took him on board, and kept him there until the excitement, following upon his escape, had somewhat abated. He then started across the country on foot, and when he presented himself before his family was not at first recognized by them, for they had supposed him dead for years. He settled at first in South Hampton, N. H., but later went to Hopkinton, N. H., where he lost his first wife, the great-grandmother of our subject. He married again, and with Ezekiel Stevens came to Enfield, N. H., and bought a large tract of land, where the Shaker Village is

now located, in 1792, but soon after traded the farm with the Shakers for the farm where his descendant, F. W. Jones, now resides; the house, with few improvements and alterations, is as the Shakers built it; the location of the farm has ever since been known as Jones Hill. He lived to be eighty-eight years old, dying Dec. 26, 1824. By his first wife, he had the following children: Richard, Mehitabel, Sally, Isaac, Moses, and Mary. He married as his second wife Mariam Currier, who was born in South Hampton, in 1747, and died in 1823; the issue of this second marriage were the following children: Dorothy, Mariam, Hannah, Rhoda, Nancy, Jonathan, Lucy, and John.

Isaac Jones was born in South Hampton, and settled on Jones Hill, buying a farm adjoining his father's property, and always followed his vocation of farming, dying at the age of eighty-four. His wife lived to be seventy-two years old, and bore him these children, namely: Mary, Relief, Rosamond, Sylvester, Alba C., and Tracy H. Isaac Jones was a Democrat, politically, and a member and deacon of the Baptist Church.

Alba C. Jones, our subject's father, was born in Enfield, March 6, 1817, and began life as a farmer. Early in life, however, he entered the Shaker Mills, and worked twenty-five years, principally in the store-room. He then retired, and for his home purchased the W. C. Smith property, with a small farm attached, the cultivation of which he has since superintended. He married Huldah, daughter of Henry and Huldah (Paddleford) Currier; they are both enjoying the best of health, and have had two children: Elmer E.; and Lizzie May, who was a graduate from the New Hampshire Conference Seminary and Female College (at Tilton, N. H.) in the class of 1890, afterward engaged in teaching, but died at the age of twenty-seven. Alba C. Jones and his wife are members of the M. E. Church. In politics Mr. Jones was a Democrat, and has been a Republican since the formation of that party.

Elmer E. Jones attended the Enfield schools, and in 1883 graduated from the Poughkeepsie Business College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Returning to Enfield he has since been interested in farming, in which he has achieved a large degree of success, has worked in the factories of Enfield, was then a bookkeeper in the Greenback Woolen Mills, until he bought the Pattee & Cur-

rier general store, which he conducted four years and a half, working up a fine patronage, and selling to an advantage to Smith & Dorothy. Mr. Jones, besides caring for his parents and their property, deals very much in bicycles, guns, and all kinds of farming and agricultural tools. Mr. Jones is a man who possesses frank and manly attributes of character, and gives to all branches of his work an interest which wins him a wide circle of patrons. His affable manner and his upright and straightforward dealing cause him to be generally liked and respected, and he is regarded as a prominent man of the town, standing upon a solid financial basis, and may be considered one of the representative citizens of his section of Grafton Co. He has served the town two years as selectman.

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GEORGE WELLS, a large land-owner and representative farmer of the town of Haverhill, was born in Benton, N. H., March 18, 1828; he is a son of Enos and Sallie (Clark) Wells, and grandson of Ephraim and Phoebe (Meecham) Wells. Our subject's grandfather died comparatively young; he was the father of sixteen children; our subject's grandmother lived to be nearly ninety years old.

Enos Wells was born and reared in Canaan, N. H., where he lived to be seventy-two years old, engaged in farming. He was one of the older children in his father's family, and was always looked up to and called Mr. Wells while the rest of his brothers and sisters were called by their first name. He was a Democrat, and served as selectman, town clerk, representative in the Legislature, and as justice of the peace for many years preceding his death. He was fond of hunting, and killed many deer and other like game in his day. Few men were more popular than he in his neighborhood and throughout the town, and his presence was deemed a necessity at the "raisings," which constituted the special social gatherings of that period. In the State militia he held a commission as captain. His second wife, mother of our subject, was born in Landaff and lived to be ninety-four years old; she was the daughter of Jacob and Polly (Merrill) Clark. Jacob Clark combined the occupa-

tion of a farmer with the trade of a joiner and carpenter. There were born to our subject's parents the following four boys: Caleb; George; Enos C., living in Lynn, Mass.; and Chester, who died in infancy.

George Wells passed his youthful years and attended the district schools in Benton, and took one term at Newbury, Vt., Seminary, when he was eighteen. He remained at home until he was twenty-one, giving the time of his minority to his father. When he attained his majority he began to work on the old home farm for himself, and continued in this way until 1859, when he went to Stoneham, Mass., where he worked a year and a half at shoemaking. In 1860 he returned to the farm and made it his home and the scene of his labors until March, 1867, when he bought his present farm of 120 acres, to which he has added at different times two adjoining farms; he also owns the home farm and three or four other farms in Benton township; in all, he is the owner of some 500 acres of valuable land.

He was joined in marriage Oct. 14, 1849, at Haverhill Center to Caroline Morse, who was a native of that town. She was a daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Jovejoy) Morse; the latter a daughter of Jacob Lovejoy, and the former a son of Jonathan Morse. Our subject's wife was the third of six children born to her parents, of whom five lived to maturity. The union of Mr. Wells and his wife has been blessed with the following six children: Albinus M., a conductor on the V. & C. R. R., lives at St. Albans, Vt.; Stella E. married Solomon Newell, and lives on a farm near our subject; Flavius M. is engaged in farming in our subject's neighborhood; Frank E. has been city marshal of Lynn, Mass., for six years; Arthur G. is an inspector of police at Lynn, Mass.; Fred P. is at White River Junction, and is shipping clerk for George W. Smith of that place. Mrs. Wells's grandfather was in the War of the Revolution, and died in 1838, at the age of seventy-eight. Mr. and Mrs. Wells are the grandparents of the following children: Flora G. and Ernest R., children of Albinus M. Wells; Carrie G. and Eva M., children of Flavius M. Wells; Mabel H., Earl E., and Hazel, children of Frank E. Wells; Frank F. and Marion, children of Arthur G. Wells; and Madeline E., daughter of Fred P. Wells.



Both our subject and his beloved wife are members of the M. E. Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and served as selectman of Benton, town clerk of the same town two years, and selectman in Haverhill; for the past twenty years he has been a justice of the peace. In the old training days of the militia he held all the offices from orderly to major. For the past twenty-five years he has dealt quite extensively in live stock.

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SIMEON A. FOSTER, deceased, was born in Bath, N. H., July 7, 1843, and departed this life March 14, 1895. He resided in Bath till he was twenty-one, and then hired out as a farm-hand for a few years. In 1871 he bought a farm, where his widow and sons now live. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations. Throughout his life he continued a hard worker; energetic and forceful, he usually accomplished what he set out to do; he led a frugal, peaceful life, and was much respected by all who had the pleasure of knowing him intimately. He was always a man of few words, but what he said had no double meaning, but was to be taken literally; his pledge was never broken, nor did he change in his conduct to his associates without strong provocation. He was a son of John F. and Rebecca (Pearson) Foster; our subject's father was born in Bath, and lived there the most of his life. Mr. Foster's grandfather was known the country round as Uncle Edward.

Simeon A. Foster was married in Swiftwater Village, town of Haverhill, Jan. 26, 1871, to Abbie J. Johnson, who was born in Ryegate, and was a daughter of Archibald D. and Lydia P. Johnson. To our subject and wife were born two sons: John F., born Aug. 10, 1873; and Herbert A., April 4, 1877. The boys have inherited much of their father's thrifty nature, and remain on the farm of 150 acres with their mother in preference to seeking employment in village or city. They are fond of hunting in their spare hours, and find excellent opportunities for the indulgence in that sport in the surrounding hills. They, like their father, are firm Democrats, and may be found in the front ranks at election time. Mrs. Foster is an attendant of the M. E. Church.

JOSEPH E. BURKETT, an engineer on the B. & M. R. R., living at Woodsville, N. H., was born in Durham (now Ulverton), Province of Quebec, Nov. 3, 1858; he is a son of John and Ellen (Brown) Burkett, to whom were born two children: Joseph Edward, the subject of this sketch; and Winnie, who died in infancy.

John Burkett was a farmer by occupation, and departed this life in Canada, when our subject was a very small child. Upon the father's death our subject's mother removed with him to Lancaster, N. H., where Joseph grew to manhood, attending the common schools until fourteen or fifteen years of age. His mother died Sept. 29, 1884, at about the age of fifty. She was of Scotch descent, while her husband was of English parentage.

Joseph E. Burkett was a sickly child, and did not leave home to support himself till he was about eighteen years of age, when he secured a position as watchman at the round-house at Lancaster, remaining there for a year and a half. He was then a brakeman on the road until he took to firing in 1881. In 1883 he became an engineer, and has been kept at the throttle ever since with the exception of two winters, when he fired.

Mr. Burkett was married Sept. 3, 1884, in Lancaster, to Gertrude Danforth, daughter of Edward King and Matilda S. (Heath) Danforth. Mr. Danforth was a son of Samuel and Lucy (Stevens) Danforth; the former was born in Canterbury, N. H., Sept. 22, 1782, and died April 25, 1824; the latter was born in Pepperhill, Mass., June 26, 1785, and died about 1864. Edward King Danforth was born in Haverhill, Dec. 6, 1816, married Matilda S. Heath Feb. 4, 1841, and died Dec. 27, 1886. Matilda S. Heath was born Aug. 3, 1816, at Groton (now Hebron), and died Feb. 28, 1895. She was a daughter of Daniel and Mrs. Tryphena Goodwin (nee Ladd) Heath. Daniel Heath was a soldier of the War of 1812, and drew a pension for his services. To the parents of our subject's wife were born the following children, eight in number: Samuel, a railroad man, living in the State of Wyoming; Josephine J., deceased; George L. of Concord, a traveling man for a Concord publication; Ellen, deceased; Melissa married H. M. Austin of Wells River, Vt.; Charles also lives in the same town; Alfred lives in South Newbury, Vt.; and Ger-



trude, the wife of our subject. Samuel and George L., the two older brothers of Mrs. Burkett, were both enlisted soldiers in the War of the Rebellion; the latter enlisted when only sixteen years of age, and acted as waiter at the captain's table. Mrs. Burkett is a member of the Universalist Church. Mr. Burkett is a Democrat in politics.

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COL. THOMAS P. CHENEY. The gentleman, whose name heads this sketch, is one of the prominent and leading citizens of the town of Ashland, and is influential in its political, business, and social circles; his many virtues of hand and heart are appreciated by his fellow-townsmen, who hold him in the highest esteem. Col. Cheney was born in that part of the town of Holderness which is now included within the bounds of the town of Ashland, Feb. 24, 1833, and is a son of Elias and Mary (Plummer) Cheney, and grandson of Elias, Sr., and Ruth (Jackman) Cheney.

Elias Cheney, Sr., a lineal descendant of Hannah Dustin, was born in Newbury, Mass., and followed the occupation of a farmer. Quite early in life he bought a large tract of land in the town of Thornton, this county, when it was but sparsely settled, and cleared the land and built a house, 30x40, with gable roof; this house, although upwards of one hundred and twenty-five years old, is standing in good repair to-day, and is the residence of Mrs. Wallace. On this farm of new land our subject's grandfather lived and labored until his death at over eighty years of age, his wife accompanying him throughout the greater part of the journey of life; they were both blessed with strong constitutions, and rarely knew a day of sickness.

Our subject's father, Elias Cheney, Jr., at twelve years of age moved to Ashland with his brother Moses and uncle Patty, and built the first paper-mill in the town, and there they manufactured the first paper; the mill stood on the present site of the Ashland Knitting Mills, in which our subject is largely interested. Elias Cheney, Jr., stayed with his uncle till he reached the age of eighteen, when he wrapped up his small possessions of clothes and money in a bandana handkerchief, and, like many others am-

bitious as he, set out afoot for Boston, Mass., where he assisted his half-brother, Mr. Prescott, as clerk in a coal and wood business, and after several years residence was appointed by the Mayor of the city inspector of lumber. After his marriage he returned to Ashland and went into trade, bought a store and remained in business for several years. After a period spent in Ashland, he went back to Boston, and carried on a mercantile business until his health failed him, when he came back once more to Ashland, where he lived until his death at the age of eighty-three. He was a Baptist in religious belief, and a very well-read man, knowing the Bible almost by heart. Politically he was a Whig and a Republican. His wife, who died at the age of seventy-nine, was a daughter of Jonathan and Esther Jane (Perkins) Plummer of Sanbornton, N. H. Mr. Plummer was a captain in the Continental army, and served throughout the Revolutionary War. The following children were born to our subject's parents: Eliza Ann, the wife of J. H. Applebee; John T., who, starting out in business in Ashland, went to Illinois in 1857, and in 1861 raised a company of troops, which formed a part of the Frank P. Blair Corps, of Sherman's Army, in which organization Mr. Cheney became a major; since the war he has been engaged in dealing in real estate, and running a hotel in Sioux City, Iowa; Person, the third child, farms and conducts a hotel at Dixon, Ill., of which town he is also Mayor; the next of the sons in order of birth is Col. Thomas P., the subject of this sketch; Samuel T., who served as orderly sergeant in Co. E., 12th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., was killed in the sanguinary engagement at Cold Harbor, dying June 8, 1864; Mary T. married Charles Wright, late a prominent citizen of Ashland, dying Sept. 21, 1894, from severe injuries received in a railroad accident at Ashland; Daniel P. is interested in the hotel business at Sioux City, Iowa; in the late war he served in the same company and regiment as his brother, Samuel T.

Our subject's school education was limited to what he received in the schools of his native town and in the Conference Seminary. At the age of ten years he entered the woolen mill's employ, and for a year and a half picked black wool for \$1.25 a week, the hours of work extending from 5 o'clock in the morning till 8 o'clock in the

evening, and out of this munificent sum he boarded himself. He then went into the paper-mill for \$1.50 a week until he was sixteen years old, when he became clerk in the country store of Col. Jesse Ladd, and assistant postmaster, and later clerked for his brother. After our subject had saved a little money he attended the Seminary at Tilton, N. H., paying his own way and supporting himself.

At the age of twenty-one, Col. Cheney married Miss Mary Elizabeth Keyes, daughter of Jonathan F. Keyes, a well-known resident of Ashland, whose sketch appears on another page of this work. Our subject then moved to Amesbury, Mass., and was in the dry goods business two years, until 1857, when he returned home and clerked for his father-in-law, and was assistant postmaster. At a later period he went into trade on his own account in a small way, and also acted as the first telegraph operator in Ashland, and was deputy sheriff in 1859-60-61. In 1861 he enlisted in Co. A., 6th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., and having been appointed by the Governor as enlisting officer, he gathered together the first soldiers of the company, and served in the capacity of first lieutenant; after the enlistment was complete he went to Concord, and there joined Col. Church's company, in which he received the appointment of second lieutenant, and was advanced to the first lieutenantcy in the May following. Col. Cheney served until November, 1863, when he was taken sick, removed to the hospital, and discharged therefrom for disability.

Prior to enlisting in the service and going to the front, he was appointed by President Lincoln as postmaster at Ashland, and during his absence his wife took charge of the office, turning it over to him on his return in excellent shape. In 1864 he was appointed deputy sergeant-at-arms at Washington during the session of Congress in 1864-69, and in 1868, was one of the eight delegates to the National Convention who nominated Gen. U. S. Grant for the Presidency. On July 1, 1869, under President Grant's administration, he was appointed superintendent of the railroad service of the New England States, and served for fifteen years and thirty days, making his headquarters at Boston. He severed his connection with the railroad service to accept an appointment, Aug. 1, 1884, by

President Arthur, as pension agent to pay out the dues, and continued in that branch of the government service until 1886, when he was removed by President Cleveland. In 1886, in company with Hiram Hodgdon, N. P. Batchelder, and George Scribner, he built the Ashland Knitting Mills, one of the foremost industries of that progressive town, and has served as one of the directors since. Early in life he served the town as town clerk, later in 1865-66, he represented it in the State Legislature, and again in 1887-88; in 1889-90 he served in the Upper House. He was appointed again under Harrison's administration as pension agent, and served four years. In 1894 he was nominated and elected a colonel on the staff of the Governor's Council and still holds the position.

In 1866 Col. Cheney built a home, where his present fine residence stands, and had it finely furnished and embellished with treasures he had brought from far and near; this beautiful dwelling was burned to the ground Feb. 25, 1894, the family barely escaping with their lives, and losing nearly every article of value in the house. In 1895 he rebuilt on the same spot, erecting an elegant brick residence with all the modern conveniences, designed, completed, and furnished in the most modern and artistic manner, and beautifully located on Highland Street, overlooking the village of Ashland. The walk, which leads to the house, is bordered by a remarkably fine row of elms, which he himself set out in 1870; adjoining the residence is a valuable plot of land, where are about 200 thriving grafted trees, which were also planted by him. At Squam Lake he owns a park and a cottage, having built the latter in 1892.

Seven children have been born to our subject, as follows: Olney S., who died at the age of about two years; Rodney W., a bookkeeper of Boston; Dr. Jonathan M., a physician of Ashland, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Alice Maud married J. N. Gilman of "The Dalles," Oregon, who is a member of the firm of Gilman-French Cattle Co., owners of a large cattle ranch, and has four children, Grace C., Lena M., Elizabeth L., and Mead F.; Harry A., the leading doctor of Campton, is the subject of a personal sketch, which appears elsewhere in this book; Sarah Addie married Ora A. Brown of the firm of Hughes & Brown of Ashland,







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whose sketch appears in this volume, and has one child, Ruth; Anne P. lives at home. Col. Cheney is a charter member of O. W. Keyes Post, No. 30, G. A. R. He is a member of Mt. Prospect Lodge, No. 68, F. & A. M.; and Pemigewasset Chapter, and was made a Knight Templar in Washington, D. C.

CARLOS M. COGSWELL, senior member of the firm of Cogswell & Oliver, general merchants of Lisbon, N. H., was born in Landaff, N. H., Nov. 20, 1854; his parents were the Rev. George W. and Harriet (Taylor) Cogswell, the father a native of Landaff and the mother of Lisbon, N. H.

Nathaniel Cogswell, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Winchester, Mass., and became one of the pioneer settlers of Landaff, N. H. The pursuit of agriculture was his chosen life calling. He was a Whig in his political views. In the State militia he served as captain, and was accordingly known as Capt. Cogswell among his acquaintances. He married Sally Snow of Landaff, N. H., who bore him the following children: George W., John, Ross, James, Moody, Mary, Ruth, and Betsey. They were Free Will Baptists in their religious belief.

Rev. George W. Cogswell, the father of our subject, was educated in the common schools of Landaff, N. H., and took up theological studies. He was an earnest and untiring student and was blessed with a retentive memory, which enabled him to keep in his possession large stores of valuable knowledge. When about twenty-four years of age he enlisted in the army of Christ for service in God's work of redeeming souls. Circuit preacher was the term then applied to him. As the salary was insufficient to support a family on, he was forced to learn the carpenter's trade to keep the grim wolf from the pastor's door. In his political views he was a firm Democrat, and held the various offices of town clerk, selectman, collector of taxes, justice of the peace, administering the duties of the latter office for nearly forty years; in his later days his services were much in demand in the settlement of estates. He married Harriet Taylor, daughter of Timothy and Betsey (Lovell) Taylor. To

Rev. and Mrs. Cogswell were born seven children: Francis G., John R., Ellen S., Nathaniel O., Martha E., Etta M., and Carlos M., the subject of this short memoir. Rev. Mr. Cogswell was a Free Will Baptist. He died Sept. 21, 1887, aged eighty-one years. The mother still survives, being eighty-seven years old, and makes her home with our subject.

Carlos M. Cogswell was educated in the district schools of Landaff, N. H., and in the New Hampton Institute of New Hampton, N. H. His life, until the age of thirty, was spent on the farm caring for his parents in their failing health. Upon the father's decease he came to Lisbon, N. H., where he engaged as clerk for Oakes & Bennett for six months. Thereupon he purchased Mr. Bennett's interest, and the business for four years was carried on under the style of J. N. Oakes & Co. At the end of that time W. W. Oliver, whose name appears on the pages of this book as the subject of a sketch, secured the Oakes interest, and the firm is now constituted of the two partners, Carlos M. Cogswell and W. W. Oliver, and transacts business under the firm name of Cogswell & Oliver. Their names are synonyms of business enterprise and integrity, and their general mercantile business is conducted in a manner that reflects credit on their characters as men keen in their insight into the details of a successful business. Politically, Mr. Cogswell is a Democrat, and has served his town as supervisor of the check list, and superintendent of the school committee. In his social relations with other men he is a thirty-second degree Mason, and belongs to Kane Lodge, No. 64, of Lisbon, and also of Franklin Chapter, No. 5, of the same place, of which he is at present High Priest.

In 1879 he was joined in marriage to Nellie O. Drew, daughter of Joseph G. Drew of Easton, N. H., and to them were born three children: Etta M., Francis O., and Martha I. In religious matters the family are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Cogswell is chorister, and in which he and his wife and oldest daughter are members.

As a representative business man of the county, and as a man, who has signally practiced the Christian virtues, it affords us the greatest pleasure to add Mr. Cogswell's portrait to the already large galaxy of pictures of leading men.

THOMAS E. TAYLOR, a carpenter, employed in the bridge and building department of the B. & M. R. R., was born in Lowell, Mass., Nov. 23, 1843. He is a son of William and Mary (Exley) Taylor, and grandson of William Ross and Mary (Reid) Taylor, both of whom lived and died in Scotland.

The father of our subject was born in Paisley, Scotland, about the year 1812, and died in 1889, aged seventy-seven years. He worked his passage to this country when eighteen years of age, having previously worked in the woolen mills of his native place in Scotland. After coming to this country he was employed for many years in the carpet mills of Lowell, Mass.; when about thirty-five or forty years old he moved to Westford, where he passed the rest of his years in agricultural labors. Mary Exley was born in England, and was a young girl when her parents immigrated to this country; she died when our subject was three months old. She bore her husband the following children: John, who died in the army hospital at Annapolis, Md., in 1861, having served in the 17th Reg. Mass. Vol. Inf.; William R. died from exposures incident to army life, he served four years, three years in the 11th Mass. Vol. Inf. and one year in the 15th Reg. Mass. Battery; Thomas E. (1), deceased; Mary A., deceased; Sarah Jane; Thomas E., the subject of this sketch. By a subsequent marriage to Susan Law, Mr. Taylor became the parent of four more children: Samuel L.; an infant, who died unnamed; and the twins, James and Susan, who died in infancy.

Thomas E. Taylor was reared in Westford, Mass., where he went to school and attended the Westford Academy until his nineteenth year, working out in the summer from the age of fourteen. In 1863 he was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, but the following year, March 30, enlisted in the army for the preservation of the Union; being small in size, he was assigned to the signal corps, and in that branch of the service he continued till he was discharged Nov. 10, 1865, in Washington, D. C. He saw fighting in the Gulf States, being engaged in the capture of the forts around Mobile; while at New Orleans he suffered from a severe siege of malarial fever.

Upon his discharge he returned to Westford direct, and went from there to Lowell, Mass., where he took up his trade; he was also in Sun-

cook in the repair shop of the China Mills. In April, 1878, he came to Haverhill, where he farmed some four years. In 1882 he went into the bridge and building department of the B. & M. R. R., and in 1894 came to his present home in Woodsville.

Mr. Taylor was married Nov. 28, 1866, at Lowell, Mass., to Alice M. Glazier, who was born in Haverhill, N. H.; two children have come to their household to bless and cement their nuptials: James W., who was drowned at the age of thirteen; and Carrie M., who married Fred A. Carr, a conductor on the B. & M. R. R., and has presented him with one child, Hazel G. Subject and wife are member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Taylor is a member of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F.; and Rebecca Lodge, No. 45, of Woodsville. He is a member of the G. A. R. Nat. Westgate Post, No. 50, of North Haverhill. Till 1884 he was a Republican, but since that time has been a Democrat, although he voted for sound money and McKinley in 1896.

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DR. HARRY H. BOYNTON, a physician of Lisbon, Grafton Co., N. H., was born in the above town Nov. 12, 1869, and is a son of Dr. Orrin H. and Alice (Hollister) Boynton, the former of Plymouth, and the latter of Lisbon.

Our subject's father was born in Meredith, N. H., Aug. 20, 1834, and received an education in the Plymouth schools and in New Hampton Academy. He learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner, and followed it for a few years, and in 1857 began the study of medicine, and graduated from the Medical Department of Dartmouth College with the Class of 1860, and since his graduation has practiced medicine in Lisbon, except for four years in Bath. In 1861 he was married to Alice E. Hollister, a daughter of Orrin S. Hollister of Lisbon, and had two children: Dr. Perry S.; and Dr. Harry H., the subject of this sketch.

Our subject finished his public school education in the schools of Lisbon in 1887, and then for two years studied medicine with his father, Dr. Orrin H. Boynton. Subsequently he entered Dartmouth Medical College, and completed his medical course in the Medical University of Bal-



timore, Md., in 1893. He then took up the practice of his profession in Lisbon, N. H., in which he has been very successful, gradually taking up the practice of his father, who gave up active work in the medical line, because of failing health.

In August, 1895, he was joined in holy matrimony with Anita Bradford, daughter of William Bradford of Westerly, R. I.; she died Feb. 18, 1896. In his religious attachments he favors the doctrines of the M. E. Church, and unites with the church of that denomination in Lisbon. Socially he is a Mason, and belongs to Kane Lodge, No. 64, of Lisbon, N. H., and Franklin Chapter, No. 5, of the same place. He is also a member of the Perseverance Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Baltimore, Md.

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**DANIEL B. WEYMOUTH.** Among those who of very recent years have taken up their residence in the town of Bristol, and are now numbered among its most honored and respected citizens, is Mr. Weymouth, who is engaged in a general mercantile business. He was born in Andover, N. H., Aug. 25, 1848, and is a son of Henry A. and Louise (Young) Weymouth, and a grandson of Daniel and Honor (Hall) Weymouth.

Our subject's grandfather, a native of Gilmanton, N. H., was a farmer by occupation, and followed that oldest of callings all the days of his active life in his native town, later removing to Andover, N. H., where his declining years were spent, and where his death took place. He possessed a discriminating judgment, and a saving disposition, and consequently became very well-to-do for those times. His wife, who was born in Gilmanton, N. H., bore him two children, one of whom died in infancy.

Henry A. Weymouth, the only child spared to his parents, was born in 1820, and was educated in the schools of Gilmanton, and at Gilmanton Academy. His general education having been completed, he studied medicine under the supervision and direction of Dr. Wight of Gilmanton for about three years. He then entered the Woodstock Medical University, which was then known as the Vermont Medical University, and

which was later removed to Burlington, Vt., becoming a part of the State University there. After graduating from the above institution, he located in Andover, N. H., where he has been in active practice since 1843, and is one of the oldest practicing physicians in the State of New Hampshire, and is considered a very successful man in the performance of such duties as fall to his profession. In social life he is a Mason, and belongs to Kearsarge Lodge, No. 81, of Andover, N. H. Politically he is a stanch Democrat, and has held the office of moderator of Andover for a great many years. He has also been town clerk, superintendent of schools, and a representative to the General Court. In the line of his profession, he is a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society, and was a delegate of that organization to the meeting of the United States Medical Society, which was held in Baltimore, Md. Jan. 1, 1844, he was joined in marriage with Louisa Young, daughter of Bailey and Polly (Randall) Young of Gilmanton (now Belmont), N. H., and to them were given three children: Harriet E., deceased, who was born Jan. 18, 1845, and married William A. Walker of Danbury, N. H., and had one child, Alma L., who survives her; Daniel B., the subject of this sketch; and George W., born Aug. 24, 1856, who married Minnie Morgan of Frieberg, Me., and has two children: Louise M. and Henry W. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Weymouth were Unitarians.

George W. Weymouth, younger brother of our subject, after taking a course in a New London Preparatory School, entered Dartmouth College at Hanover, this county, and graduated. He then studied medicine in his father's office, and then became a student in the Medical Department of Dartmouth, from which he graduated and received his diploma, entitling him to practice, and is now a physician of Lyme, N. H.; he meeting with the most flattering success. Socially he is a Mason, and also a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society.

Daniel B. Weymouth was educated in the district schools of Andover, in the public schools of New London, N. H., and in the High School of Andover. After completing his education, he worked for the Studevant Manufacturing Co. of Lebanon, N. H., as bookkeeper ten years. He then returned to Andover and entered into part-

nership with Warren S. Quimby in a general store, where he remained about ten years. The three following years were spent in trade in Penacook, N. H. He then moved to Bristol, N. H., in December, 1895, and in company with C. H. Fowler purchased the stock of Kemp & Johnson, and is now doing an excellent business in general merchandise. The store, of which they are now the proprietors, is an old landmark; several men, now quite prominent in public life, have clerked there, among which number is the present Mayor of Concord, N. H.

In his political belief, he is a stanch Democrat, adhering to the principles advocated by that party, and was town treasurer of Andover, N. H., ten years in succession. He is a Mason, and belongs to the Franklin Lodge, No. 6, of Lebanon, N. H.

April 20, 1882, Mr. Weymouth was joined in matrimony with Ida A. Edmunds, the daughter of William H. and Sarah J. (Tucker) Edmunds of Andover, N. H. In religious belief they are Unitarians.

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HERBERT CLINTON GALE, a conductor on the B. & M. R. R., was born in North Haverhill, N. H., Nov. 22, 1858; he is a son of Charles Albert and Laura G. (Wetherbee) Gale, and grandson of Daniel, Jr., and Abigail (Robinson) Gale. Daniel Gale, Jr., was a son of Daniel Gale, Sr., who was an expert blacksmith, and served in that capacity in the War of the Revolution; it is said of him that he once shod Gen. Washington's horse; whenever the matter was brought up he would never fail to remark jocosely that he put a silver nail into one of the shoes.

Charles A. Gale was born in what is now Belmont, N. H., Dec. 4, 1818, and died Dec. 3, 1888; his schooling was limited to a few terms in the district schools of Belmont. At the extremely early age of seven years he worked out for his board and schooling, and from the age of nine was self-supporting; in early life he clerked in a store, and then was interested in trading of live stock and in the meat business; the last forty years of his life were spent in North Haverhill, where he was engaged in farming. A Democrat in politics, he was a prominent figure in what-

ever pertained to election campaigns; he served two terms in the State Legislature. In his religious faith he was a Baptist, although never a church member. He was a Mason, and belonged to Grafton Lodge, No. 50, of Haverhill. His wife was the daughter of Charles and Abigail (Woodward) Wetherbee, and was born in East Haverhill. Abigail Woodward was a daughter of William and Lydia (Cross) Woodward; the Cross family were of English origin. Charles Wetherbee was a farmer. The following children composed our subject's parents' family: Charles Albion, living in North Haverhill; Herbert Clinton, the subject of this sketch; George M., killed by the cars in October, 1896; the latter's twin brother, Frank P., is a conductor on the railroad, and is as yet unmarried.

Herbert C. Gale lived all the years of his minority in North Haverhill, leaving there in 1880 for Grand Rapids, Mich., where he took a position on the Chicago & West Michigan R. R., running from Grand Rapids to La Crosse, Ind. After four years in the west, in which time he became thoroughly acquainted with railroad work, he returned to Haverhill, and secured a position on the Boston, Concord & Montreal R. R. (now the Boston & Maine) as brakeman for fourteen months; he was then yardmaster for one year, and has been conductor ever since, running mostly between Woodsville and Concord. Since his connection with the B. & M. R. R. his home has been in the village of Woodsville.

He was married June 23, 1886, at East Haverhill, to Minnie M. Merrill, daughter of Simeon T. and Mary (Richardson) Merrill, who live on a farm in East Haverhill. Simeon T. Merrill was a son of Calvin and Hannah (Thurston) Merrill, and grandson of Benjamin Merrill; Mary Richardson was a daughter of Jonathan and Lucy (Rollins) Richardson. Our subject's wife has one brother, Darius K. Their union has so far been blessed with three children, as follows: Morris M., Lynn A., and Errol C. Mrs. Gale is a member of the M. E. Church. Our subject belongs to the Order of Railway Conductors, Concord Division, No. 335. He is a member of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F.; and has served in all the chairs of the local lodge, and was a delegate to the Grand Lodge. He has always been a Democrat, firm in his convictions, and most loyal in his support.



HON. AUGUSTUS A. WOOLSON, a prominent citizen of the town of Lisbon, Grafton Co., N. H., was born June 16, 1835, in Lisbon. He is a son of Amos and Hannah D. (Temple) Woolson, and a grandson of Elijah and Rebecca (Batchellor) Woolson. The Woolson family in America trace their origin to three Welsh brothers, who are supposed to have settled in Massachusetts at an early date. The first of the name concerning whom we have any definite knowledge was Thomas, born about 1626. He lived on the south side of the river in Cambridge, Mass., until 1666, when he removed to Watertown, where he died April 5, 1713. As second in the direct line from Thomas to Augustus A. we have Joseph, born Nov. 16, 1677; then another Joseph, born Dec. 13, 1699; Asa, born Aug. 2, 1727, at Weston, Mass., died at Lunenburg April 18, 1789; Elijah, also born at Lunenburg, Dec. 1, 1769, and Amos born in Bethlehem, N. H., July 4, 1803.

An old Harvard catalogue mentions an Ephraim Woolson as a graduate of that institution in the class of 1760, and as deceased in 1802.

Elijah Woolson, grandfather of Augustus A., learned the cooper's trade, and when a comparatively young man settled in Bethlehem, N. H., removing soon after to Lisbon as one of its early settlers, making it his home for many years, and where he introduced the first cooking stove ever brought into the town, dying at length in 1836, at the home of his daughter in Massena, N. Y. He married Rebecca Batchellor, who bore him a family of eight sons and one daughter, of which family but one member, Silas B. Woolson of Newark, Ohio, survives. Following are the names of his children: John; Elijah S.; Amos; Ira K.; Theron W.; Ezra; Silas B.; and Mary, who married John Magowan, and made her home in Massena, N. Y.

Amos Woolson, after receiving a limited education in the schools of his adopted town, learned the trade of a cooper, afterwards becoming a shoemaker, and later on a tailor. He was a man of unswerving honesty and probity, the very soul of honor, and endowed with more than ordinary intelligence, common sense, and good assistant United States assessor of internal revenue, and later a Republican, but his native modesty was such that he never aspired to public office. He died May 5, 1888, at the age of

eighty-five years; his wife died April 6, 1891, at the age of eighty-seven. There were born to them the following six children: the eldest, a son, was born in July, 1831, but died the day of its birth; John, Dec. 19, 1832, died April 3, 1860; Augustus A.; Charles E., Dec. 5, 1836; Mary R., Sept. 30, 1838; and Jennie L., July 31, 1841, died April 12, 1874.

The subject of this sketch attended the district schools of his native town until he was sixteen years of age, and afterwards the Seminary at Newbury, Vt., and Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, N. H. Shortly after leaving school he went to Minnesota, while it was yet a territory, where he remained for a year and a half, and where he was engaged in various employments. When he returned to New Hampshire he settled in the town of Lisbon, where he has since continued to reside, and where he has long been an acknowledged leader in every work which concerns the welfare of the public, and is considered the town's benefactor by its grateful citizens.

Among the various enterprises and institutions for the good of the town which have been organized and promoted largely through Mr. Woolson's influence and persistent efforts and with which his name will ever be inseparably connected, may be mentioned the Lisbon Village Library of over 2,000 volumes, founded in 1864; the Village Hotel, built in 1883; the Lisbon Water Works, established in 1886; the Gulf Road, one of the most beautiful summer drives in New Hampshire, built in 1889-90; the Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co., organized in 1889, and started Jan. 1, 1890; and the Lisbon High School, now one of the most flourishing institutions of the kind in the State.

Politically Mr. Woolson is a Republican. He has filled with credit numerous town and State offices, among which are the following: notary public; deputy sheriff; justice of the peace; assistant United States assessor of internal revenue from 1865 to 1873; deputy United States marshal for taking the census of 1870; town clerk for several years; and moderator of the annual town meetings from 1866 to the present time, with the exception of the period included between the years 1878 and 1886, when the Democrats had control of the town government. He has been chairman of the



Grafton Co. Republican Committee, and for many years served on the Republican State Committee. In 1880 he went as a delegate to the National Republican Convention at Chicago, Ill., which nominated General Garfield for President. Mr. Woolson was elected to the Lower House of the Legislature in 1875, and re-elected for three successive years. During his first and second terms, he served as chairman of the committee on claims, and proved himself an able and efficient legislator. He was often called to the chair, where he displayed marked tact and readiness as a presiding officer. In recognition of his ability, he was, in 1877, elected Speaker of the House, and re-elected the following session, which was the last held under the old Constitution. In 1892 Mr. Woolson headed the Republican State ticket as one of the Presidential electors. He is now president of the Lisbon Village Library Association, was for many years a member of the school board, and is a director of the Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co., and a member of its investment committee, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and treasurer of the town.

In 1872 Mr. Woolson, in company with A. C. Wells, established what afterwards became the well known mercantile house of Wells & Woolson; this firm, in addition to a flourishing business as dealers in merchandise, engaged in various manufacturing enterprises at different times. The subject of this sketch has never married, although a general favorite in society. He is pleasant and genial in his intercourse with his fellow-man, and most kind and open-hearted to all those who are in distress and need.

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CHARLES C. RINEHART, a prosperous and leading farmer of the town of Haverhill, was ushered upon the stage of life in Du Page Co., Ill., Oct. 13, 1837. His parents were John and Susan C. (Larvers) Rinehart; the former was a son of John Rinehart, Sr., a native of Germany, coming to this country and engaging in the pursuit of agriculture in the latter part of the last century. The father of our subject was born in Pennsylvania in 1800, and died in 1883; in 1835 he moved from New York City, where he was then residing, to Illinois. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade and followed it in Du Page

Co. till he retired to the comfort of his large farm, spending his remaining years near to nature's heart. He was a Democrat through life, and served as supervisor of the township.

Charles C. Rinehart was reared in Winfield and attended the district schools till he was fifteen. When sixteen years of age he started out to support himself, and worked out by the month on the neighboring farms till his enlistment at the age of twenty-three, August, 1861, in Co. H., 1st Ill. Vol. Cav. He served four years and seven months in the Department of the West, and was present at the engagements of Arkansas Post, Siege of Vicksburg, Chickasaw Bayou, Duvall's Bluff, Little Rock, Helena, and Pen Ridge. He was injured by a fall of his horse, and was laid up in the hospital for three months; he returned home Jan. 7, 1866. For three years he cultivated a farm in Du Page Co. on shares, and then was elected sheriff of the county in the fall of 1868, and held the office for two years, after which he resumed farm life until 1873, when he came to Francetown, N. H., remaining at that place through the winter. Until 1887 he worked on two farms near North Haverhill, and then bought his present farm of 110 acres, on which he carries on dairy farming principally, milking as many as ten cows.

April 7, 1863, his nuptials with Ada Wright were consummated in Du Page Co., Ill.; Mrs. Rinehart was born in Grafton, Vt., and is a daughter of Jehial and Fannie (Smith) Wright. The latter was born in Rhode Island, and was a daughter of George and Urania (Steers) Smith; the father of George Smith was a native of Ireland. Jehial Wright was a quarryman in his native State of Vermont, but upon going west in 1853, he took up the occupation of farming; of his children, who numbered thirteen, Mrs. Rinehart is the tenth in number. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Rinehart has been blessed with four children, namely: Carrol C., chief clerk in the railroad offices in Woodsville; George F.; Sidney S.; and Belle F., who is at home with her parents. They are Universalists in their religious belief. Mr. Rinehart is a member of the G. A. R., Nat. Westgate Post, No. 50. Our subject, wife, and daughter belong to Pink Granite Grange, No. 210, of North Haverhill. Mr. Rinehart is a Democrat, and has served as a road surveyor, but is nothing of a partisan.





W. H. MERRILL.



W. H. MERRILL, a prosperous druggist of Lisbon, Grafton Co., N. H., whose portrait we present on the foregoing page, was born in Landaff, N. H., July 26, 1861. He is a son of Luther C. and Elmira (Taylor) Merrill, and grandson of Jeremiah and Annie (Carter) Merrill.

Our subject's grandfather was a native of New Hampshire and followed his occupation of a farmer during his life, until feeble health compelled the abandonment of active exercise, in the town of Landaff, N. H. He was a stanch Democrat. His wife bore him the following children: Jeremiah W., Lorenzo D., George N., Moses H., Fletcher D., Martha, Sarah A., Emily A., Julia A., and Luther C. They were loyal and consistent members of the M. E. Church of Landaff Center, N. H.

Luther C. Merrill, upon the attainment of a requisite age, learned the shoemaker's trade at Newbury, Vt., and followed it several years. He then turned his attention to his present pursuit of agriculture, and has been identified with the farming interests of Landaff from that time until now. He is a Democrat in his political views. His wife was a daughter of Lovell Taylor of Landaff, N. H.; their union was blessed with the birth of one child, the subject of this memoir, Willie H. They were members of the M. E. Church of Landaff, N. H.

W. H. Merrill obtained his education in the district schools of Landaff, N. H., and worked on his father's farm until he was nineteen years of age, when he engaged with J. S. Jewett of Warren, N. H., in a general store and post-office; Mr. Merrill remained with his employer in the store for three years. He then went to Boston, Mass., and entered the employ of Shepard, Norwell & Co., on Winter Street; the firm was engaged in the wholesale and retail dry goods business. After one year in their employ he removed to New York City in the spring of 1884 and became the shipping and receiving clerk in the establishment of S. M. Bixby & Co., continuing in that capacity for five years, and as their traveling salesman for another year. In the summer of 1892 he engaged in the Saratoga mineral water business at Asbury Park, N. J. He then returned to Landaff, N. H., and in February, 1893, took up the drug business, succeeding W. P. Whitcher & Co. of Lisbon, N. H.

Our subject has been ever since located in Lisbon, where he carries a complete assortment of drugs, patent medicines, toilet articles, and all like accessories of a well-conducted drug store; the business has thrived and grown apace and repays its owner well for his conscientious efforts in building it up.

In January, 1890, he was joined in matrimony with Jennie L. Bass of Newbury, Vt., daughter of Lafayette Bass, a native of Piermont, N. H. Walter L. and Ruth Lillian are the names of their two children. In religious matters they are liberally inclined. Mr. Merrill is a member of the I. O. O. F., Concordia Lodge, No. 64, of Lisbon, N. H. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Foresters, Court Parker, No. 3074, of Lisbon, N. H. He is uncompromising in his advocacy of Democratic principles and theories.

CLARENCE L. BAILEY, a practical blacksmith of Woodsville, N. H., was born in Lyman, Nov. 23, 1869; he is a son of John W. and Eleanor H. (Locke) Bailey. The former was born in Alexandria, and has followed the trade of a blacksmith through life, having learned it at Lyman; he makes his home with our subject; he is a Republican in his politics. John W. Bailey was a son of John W. Bailey, Sr. Eleanor Locke, Mr. Bailey's mother, was a daughter of Simeon L. and Harriet (Bailey) Locke, both natives of Lyman, N. H. Simeon's father was a soldier of the Revolution, and came to Lyman from Rye, Vt., and built a log-hut in the same locality where his son's house now stands. Simeon L. Locke was a farmer by occupation.

The subject of this sketch, during his first five years of life, lived consecutively in the towns of Lyman, Bath, and Haverhill, moving to the later place in 1874, and attended the Haverhill Academy there, when he had finished the course in the district school, until he was eighteen years of age. From boyhood he had worked in his father's shop, doing odd jobs here and there, and thus gradually picking up the trade. When nineteen years old he went to Littleton where he worked for three months, then to Lisbon for two months, and from there to Haverhill, where he worked until Oct. 5, 1891, when he came to his present place at Woodsville. For two

months he worked for L. C. George, and then bought him out, and has been in business for himself ever since. His lease on the property expired Oct. 5, 1896, so he built a new shop, 30x40 feet, and two and one-half stories high, and moved in about that time; the second story is used as a paint shop.

Mr. Bailey was married Feb. 1, 1893, at Haverhill, to Mary A. Spooner, who was born in the town of Benton; she is a daughter of Alonzo and Mary (Bennet) Spooner, to whom were born in all seven children, namely: Nettie (McIntyre); Horace, who is farming at North Haverhill; Clarence; Mary (Bailey), the wife of our subject; Daniel; Delia (Whitman); and Oscar.

Mr. Bailey was the eldest of four children born to his parents; they were: Clarence L.; Roy, who died in infancy; Hattie A. (Keyser); and F. Blanche. Our subject and his highly estimable wife are attendants of the M. E. Church. Mr. Bailey is a member of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F. He is a Republican, and acted as supervisor of elections for Haverhill in the national election of Nov. 3, 1896.

JOSIAH E. LINCOLN, proprietor of one of the largest department stores in Grafton Co., located at Lebanon, N. H., was born in Brockton, Mass., and is a son of Josiah S. and Hannah (Hoyt) Lincoln, and grandson of Charles Lincoln.

Charles Lincoln was one of the first manufacturers of pegging awls in the United States, and did at that early date a very extensive business, and made his name familiar to dealers in shoes and shoemakers in the far west. His son Josiah, being brought up in the trade, continued the business, so well begun by his father, in Brockton, Mass., except a few years spent in Canaan, N. H., engaged at the same business. At the age of sixty-five, he retired from active life, after accumulating a handsome competency, thus enabling him to live in independence. He was ever popular in his town as a business man and as an earnest worker for the best interests of Brockton. He is now enjoying the sunset of life at an age of seventy-five years in his native town; his wife is sixty-seven years of age. For many years he has been a member of the Masonic fra-

ternity. Three children, two of whom are living, were born to our subject's parents. They were: Agnes S., who married Henry French; Josiah E.; and Willie V., who died at the age of twenty-one.

Josiah E. Lincoln attended the Brockton schools, finishing his education at Canaan Academy; a short period following the completion of his education he spent as a clerk in a grocery store. In 1870 he came to Lebanon, as clerk for G. C. Whipple, a dry goods merchant. He remained with his employer seven years, acquiring useful knowledge and business methods, which have so much aided him in business on his own account. In 1877, with F. W. Davison, he went to Hanover, and bought out the general store of H. H. Clough; in 1882, having disposed of his interest to his partner, he returned to Lebanon, and purchased the dry goods store of C. D. Delano. In Lebanon's great fire he was burned out. He thereupon rented the large double store of G. W. Worthen, and stocked it with a fine variety of dry goods, fancy goods, etc., including ladies' garments, ready-made clothing, and gents' furnishing goods. In 1895 he purchased the building, and immediately rebuilt it and changed it into a department store, putting in a handsome plate-glass front, and introducing steam heat. The first floor and basement are given up to the needs of the store, and the second and third are used as offices, while the fourth floor is used exclusively for secret society halls. Our subject also bought the William Moses house, on the corner of Kimball and Elm Streets, and remodeled it, putting in modern conveniences; he also owns a double tenement on Elm Street.

Mr. Lincoln is a Republican in his political views. Outside of his own private interests he has found time and opportunity to be of large service in the progress and development of the town of Lebanon. He is a director of the National Bank, trustee of the Savings Bank, a stockholder in the Riverside Manufacturing Co. and a stockholder and director in the Lebanon Electric Light & Power Co. In his religious views he is a Unitarian.

Our subject married Jennie E., daughter of James H. Kelley of Canaan. Two children have been born of this union: William H., born April 9, 1881; and James Percival, born July 20, 1883.



DARIUS K. DAVIS. The subject of this memoir is a retired merchant, and lives on his farm near Pike Station, in the town of Haverhill. He was born in Northfield, N. H., Nov. 7, 1825; he is a son of Nathan B. and Abigail S. (Batchelder) Davis, and a grandson of Jonathan and Mariam (Bartlett) Davis. Jonathan Davis was a native of Massachusetts, and came to Grafton Co. fifteen or twenty years before his death, which occurred when he was about sixty-four years old; he was a farmer by occupation. His father was John Davis. Nathan B. Davis was born in Andover, Merrimac Co., and received his education in the schools of his native village and surrounding places. He began farming in Merrimac Co., and located in Grafton Co., March, 12, 1827, living first in the town of Benton, then Coventry. His wife was born in Louden, N. H., and was a daughter of Abel and Sarah (Sanborn) Batchelder of Louden; the former was a carpenter, and lived to the age of eighty-five years; he was a Baptist in religion, and a Democrat in respect of politics. His wife lived to attain the age of seventy years. Six children were born to our subject's parents, of whom three died in youth; the names of those who survive are: Darius K.; Abel E.; and Abigail S.; the two latter live in Indianapolis, Ind.

Darius K. Davis secured his education in the district schools of his native place and in Bath Academy and Newbury Seminary. When he attained his majority he occupied himself in farming for a while, but shortly opened a store in East Haverhill, and was in mercantile business at different places almost continually from that time until he disposed of his store and retired to the calm and quiet of farm life, in 1891, to enjoy the sunset years of his life, free from the care and worry incident to a business life. In 1865 he went to Indianapolis, Ind., and opened a store in partnership with his brother, Abel E. Davis, but as the climate there did not agree with him he returned to East Haverhill. He was in business successively in Tilton and Warren Summit, where he also was station agent for the railroad for seven years, and finally reopened his store in East Haverhill. He served as deputy postmaster some thirty years.

He was joined in marriage May 12, 1854, in Landaff, N. H., to Susannah E. Howe, who was born in the town of Benton, and was the daughter

of Daniel and Phoebe (Eaton) Howe; the latter was the daughter of Samuel Eaton, who married a Miss Noyes. Daniel Howe was a son of Peter Howe, who was a soldier in the Revolution. Our subject's only child, Addie D., married Dr. O. D. Eastman, a prominent young physician and surgeon of the village of Woodsville, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume of biographies; she has borne her husband five children: D. K.; Oliver M.; Burns R.; Abel Earl, deceased; and Milo Donald. Mrs. Davis is a Methodist in her religious affiliations. Mr. Davis is a Republican, and served as selectman two terms; he was also appointed justice of the peace, but refused to qualify for the office. For over forty years he served on the school board.

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ALMON G. WEBSTER, an engineer on the B. & M. R. R., living at Woodsville, N. H., was born in Franklin, N. H., Aug. 6, 1863. His father, Orris D. Webster, was born at Sandwich, N. H., Jan. 22, 1841; he has been a lumberman for many years. He is an attendant of the Congregational Church. He is a member of Rumford Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Concord, and also of the Order of American Mechanics. Politically he is a Democrat, and served as selectman in Franklin in 1893, and has been on the school committee also. He is a son of Dudley and Fidora (Hatch) Webster, who were both Congregationalists in religious belief; Dudley Webster was an old-time Democrat. Our subject's mother was Mary M. Keyser, who was born in Northfield (now Franklin), June 22, 1843; her parents were Nathaniel and Mehitabel (Danforth) Keyser; Nathaniel Keyser was a farmer, and died about the year 1870, at the age of sixty-seven.

Almon G. Webster was reared in Franklin and secured a good education there in the common schools and in the high school; when he was sixteen he clerked in a store for one year. At the age of seventeen, he began his connection with the railroad company, becoming fireman on the B. & M. R. R.; for five years he faithfully discharged the duties of his position and was rewarded for his general good conduct and effi-



cient work by being promoted to the office of engineer in June, 1885, and now has a run from Woodsville to Concord.

Mr. Webster was united in wedlock Dec. 21, 1884, at Rumney, to Emma Stevens, a daughter of John Stevens and Adeline M. Rogers. John Stevens is a prosperous farmer, and now lives in Wells River, Vt.; he was born Oct. 4, 1842; in politics he was a Democrat. John Stevens was a son of John Stevens, Sr., and Lucy Buzzell. John Stevens, Sr., was born in Barnstead, N. H., and his wife in Loudon, N. H. Adeline M. (Rogers) Stevens, the mother of Mrs. Webster, is a daughter of Thewell and Roe (Hathaway) Rogers. Subject and wife attend the M. E. Church. Mr. Webster is a member of Moosehillock Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Littleton Encampment, No. 24; and Canton Albin, No. 4, of Woodsville; he and his wife are members of the Rebecca degree. In politics he is a Democrat, but devotes very little of his time to it, not having the inclination.

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CAPTAIN OLIVER H. P. CRAIG, a farmer of the town of Holderness, Grafton Co., was born in the town of Rumney, of this county, Aug. 1, 1813, and is a son of Amos and Abigail (Keyes) Craig.

Amos Craig was born in Plymouth, or at least lived there in his youthful days, for as far back as we can remember he was a resident of that town. He was a shoemaker by trade, and lived in Plymouth and Rumney all his life. He lived to be about seventy-two years old, when the Angel of Death called him. His wife passed away at about the same age. Their children were: Prisbee, Orphia, Amos, Abbie, Oliver H. P., Jacob, Mary, Jacob, Isaac. Mr. Craig was a Jackson Democrat, and was a Universalist in his religious views. His wife was a Baptist.

Oliver H. P. Craig attended the public schools in his younger years, and at sixteen years of age he started out in life with his little grip. He found employment first at Cambridge, where he learned the shoemaker's trade; he went to work making boots, doing factory work principally. He followed this trade for about forty years, when he retired from active work, except to look after his farm of forty acres, which he bought of

John Sheppard, in 1852. There he makes his home; it is a very fine little river farm, with some choice interval land. In years gone by he set out fruit trees, and they are now rewarding him for his care and labor; also the shade trees which he carried there on his back, have prospered and give abundant shade to his beautiful lawn. The house and barns owe their origin to him.

When the war broke out he and Col. T. P. Cheney and another Grafton Co. citizen formed Co. A. of the 6th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., and our subject was commissioned its first lieutenant; arriving at Washington, D. C., they were ordered to Hatteras, where they were very soon on duty. In April, 1862, Mr. Craig was commissioned captain of the same company of the same regiment; in the fall of 1862 he resigned his office, came home, and followed his trade a few years. Now at his advanced age he is enjoying good health, and manages to get around very much for one of his years.

He married Miss Ann Dilson; she died at the age of thirty-one, after giving birth to four children: Mary and Eliza died early in life; Oliver lives in Ashland, and works at the manufacture of paper board; George was killed in the Battle of Bull Run. Subject's second wife was Mary Jane, daughter of John Ellison, a farmer of the town of Holderness. Capt. Craig by his second marriage was made the parent of four children, one of whom is living. Abbie, Alvin, and Emma died while in their youth. Martha married Edward Lincoln, a baker of Providence, R. I.

Capt. Craig has always given the Democratic ticket his earnest support. He is an active and consistent member of the Episcopal Church. He was one of the organizers of the G. A. R. Post, and was its first commander.

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ALPHEUS WOOSTER BAKER. At the close of the Revolutionary War, about 1780-81, Gideon Baker came from Montville, Conn., to Lebanon, N. H. He had been in the army acting as armorer. He was then about forty-three years of age. He immediately became proprietor of several tracts of land, and of titles to undivided land—"which numbered him among the proprietors." He possessed certain qualities of mind, with unusual education, which won for

him the confidence of his associates, and he was constantly employed by them in laying out land yet undivided, and finding the boundaries of "lots" already "laid out," and settling disputes. Finally he was employed to copy the records of the proprietors from the beginning. The various "field-books" were also placed in his hands to reduce to a single record. This was a difficult task which none but a man having special aptness for details and order could well accomplish. The work was finished Feb. 22, 1806. The writing is unusually legible, with few corrections or interlineations, and the spelling correct far beyond the standard of the time.

He died at Lebanon, Dec. 10, 1830, aged ninety-two. His wife died Jan. 4, 1815, aged seventy-one.

Early in the settlement of Lebanon, Maj. John Slapp appears. He came from Durham, Conn. He had been in the French and Indian Wars, and commanded a Company of Connecticut at the Battle of Crown Point in 1757. He was of great service to the early settlers from his previous experience in military matters, and was often called upon to superintend the building of fortifications. He built the first corn-mill in the town. He was prominent in all town affairs, and was among the six original members of the Congregational Church. He died Dec. 5, 1790, aged seventy-five years. Upon the stone erected to his memory are the words: "Man is mortal; God is eternal."

Alpheus Baker, son of Gideon, was born in Lebanon. He was a brick-mason, and a prominent contractor. He had a reputation as a thorough and intelligent workman. Buildings erected by him remain to this day to testify to his skill; among them is a house standing on School Street, built for his own home. He was greatly appreciated by his townsmen, and frequently honored by office—selectman and representative.

Dec. 4, 1816, Alpheus Baker married Miss Nancy Slapp, daughter of Simon Peter Slapp, and granddaughter of Major John Slapp.

The fruit of the union was three sons and two daughters, of whom Alpheus Wooster is the only survivor. The name Wooster, by which he is most generally known, is not a family name, but was given him in honor of General David Wooster of Connecticut, who was a Colonial officer, and

in the Revolutionary Army. He was at the siege of Louisburg, was sent to England in command of a cartel ship, and they were so well pleased with him that they gave him a commission in the English Army. At the commencement of the Revolution he resigned his command to enter the service of his country. The death of Montgomery left him in command for a time. He was mortally wounded at the head of his troops in the raid which Governor Tryon made to seize some stores in Danbury, Conn. Gideon Baker undoubtedly served under his command, and as a token of his respect for the man the name Wooster was bestowed upon his grandson.

Alpheus Wooster was born in Lebanon, May 22, 1834, and received his education in the district schools and the Lebanon Liberal Institute. In early life he was a clerk in New York. In 1856 he went to Wisconsin, first as a farmer, later as a builder. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Co. H., 23rd Wis. Vol., receiving a commission as lieutenant. He was present at the siege of Vicksburg. In the fall of 1864 his health compelled his resignation, and he returned to Lebanon. His health improving, he resumed his business as contractor and builder, continuing in it for about twenty years. In 1873-74, he represented the town in the Legislature; was assistant clerk of the House in 1876-77; and assistant secretary of the Constitutional Convention in 1876; clerk of the House in 1878 and 1879. From 1881 to 1886 he was post-master of Lebanon; member of the Constitutional Convention in 1889; twelve years moderator of the town; State auditor for two years. In 1890 he was appointed State bank commissioner, which office he continues to hold. In all these places he has displayed the unusual capacity of his ancestor in his grasp of perplexing details.

Mr. Baker became a member of Lodi Valley Lodge, F. & A. M., of Lodi, Wis., in 1858. Upon his return to Lebanon he became a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M., and served as Worshipful Master four years. He has held all the offices of the Grand Lodge in New Hampshire, becoming Grand Master in 1882 and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1884-85. He is also a member of the Mt. Horeb Commandery, Knights Templar, Concord, N. H.; and of Edward A. Raymond Consistory,



Nashua, N. H. He is a member of the G. A. R., and of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

Upon the organization of the Mascoma Mutual Fire Insurance Co., he was chosen its secretary. All this shows the confidence reposed in him by his fellow-citizens.

In Oct. 31, 1855, Mr. Baker married Parthenia W. Peck, daughter of John W. Peck and Fanny Huntington Peck, whose ancestors were of the best blood of Connecticut. Four children were born to them, of whom only two survive: Fannie G., who married F. H. Emerson, a merchant of Lebanon; and Alpheus W., Jr., who is cashier of the Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Lisbon, N. H., who married Teny Steel.

In politics Mr. Baker has been from the beginning an earnest Republican; in religious opinions he is a Universalist.

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ANDREW J. GRAHAM, a machinist, working in the railroad shops of the B. & M. R. R. at Woodsville, was born in Barnet, Vt., Jan. 23, 1834; he is a son of Andrew and Helen (Maxwell) Graham. Andrew Graham was born in Paisley, Scotland, and came to America in 1800, settling in Barnet, Vt., where he farmed until his death, at which time he owned 100 acres more or less of valuable land. His wife was born in Barnet, and was a daughter of William and Marguerite (McConnell) Maxwell; the latter was born in the north of Ireland, where her father was a game-keeper for a nobleman. William Maxwell was born in Scotland, near Edinburgh, and took up the calling of a farmer upon his arrival at East Barnet, where he settled and lived to be nearly ninety years old; he was a soldier of the War of 1812. To our subject's parents were born five boys and two girls, of which family Andrew J. is the sole survivor. They were named: William, James, John M., Henry B., Margaret, Andrew J., and Mary.

Andrew J. Graham was reared in his native town and attended the district schools there till he was sixteen years of age, when he learned the mill carpenter's trade and repair work, and worked at it until he was nineteen, when he attended two terms at Peacham Academy. In De-

cember, 1853, with a desire to see the new gold country, that was then opening up on the Pacific coast, he set sail on board the famous *Star* of the West for Greytown, Nicaragua; from there, by way of the Nicaragua River, he journeyed to Lake Nicaragua, and from there on a balky mule to San Juan Del Norte on the Pacific coast. A steamer conveyed him and his fellow-passengers to San Francisco, from which place he went to El Dorado Co., Cal., where he made his home for five years, engaged in prospecting through the mountains, partly in his own interests and partly for others. The last two years were spent on the coast in Marine Co., on a dairy and sheep ranch. On May 5, 1860, he started for home from San Francisco to Aspinwall, crossing the Isthmus in four hours by rail; he arrived in New York June 3, and reached home June 5, 1860, having been exactly one month to the day on the return trip.

Upon his return he did a little mill work, but in November, 1860, started in to learn the machinist's trade at West Concord, Vt., with J. D. Chase & Son, remaining with them there four years, and in St. Johnsbury also a short time for the same firm, when they changed their location. He was two years in Lowell, Mass., and in 1867 went to Lancaster, N. H., where he put in a year and a half; the following twenty-two years were spent in Gorham, N. H., at his trade of a machinist. In August, 1890, Mr. Graham came to Woodsville, and has been working in the railroad shops there since.

Mr. Graham was married Jan. 9, 1862, at West Concord, to Adaline J. Reed, born in Kerby, Vt., daughter of Samuel and Louisa (Joslyn) Reed. Their union has been blessed with the following six children: Andrew, a machinist of Worcester, Mass.; Mark, deceased; Margaret, deceased; Charles Sumner, deceased; Irwin W., a fireman on the railroad, living at home with his parents; Sherman R., a watchman on the railroad, also at home. Our subject and his wife are attendants of the Universalist Church. He is a member of Gorham Lodge, No. 73, A. F. & A. M., of Gorham, N. H. He is also a member of Glen Lodge, No. 54, I. O. O. F., of Gorham; he and his wife are members of the Rebecca Lodge, No. 45, of Woodsville, N. H. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations, and from 1874 to 1886 was a deputy-sheriff of Coos Co.







HENRY WOOD CARTER.

HENRY WOOD CARTER, deceased, the founder of the firm of H. W. Carter & Sons, manufacturers of overalls and shirts, in the village of Lebanon, was born in Concord, N. H., March 11, 1822, and is a son of William and Persis (Wood) Carter, and grandson of Joel and Sarah Carter.

Joel Carter was born May 9, 1749, and married Sarah Carter, who was born April 10, 1753; they had eleven children, of whom the seventh child was William Carter, our subject's father.

William Carter was born April 18, 1787, and passed away Nov. 11, 1875. His first wife, Jane Scott, born March, 1791, died May 1, 1818, bore him one child, William, Jr., born Feb. 11, 1816, and died May 8, 1851. By his second wife, Persis Wood, born July 20, 1791, died May 29, 1863, he was made the parent of three children: Henry W., born March 11, 1822; Mary Ann, born April 8, 1827, died Sept. 6, 1894; and James H., born Jan. 18, 1831. William settled in 1824, at Bradford, N. H., where he kept the Raymond tavern at Bradford Corners for several years. He then moved to Warner and bought the Peters's stand, with farm connected with it, and lived there until 1833, when he moved to Concord, N. H., and kept a boarding-house in Call's Block; later he moved to Chelsea, Vt., and thence with his son, Henry W., to Lebanon, where he died in 1875.

Our subject, at the age of eight years, had begun to develop a talent for business, and was continually hampering his father in his work for some plan by which he could act the part of a business man; he was at length granted permission to invest a small amount of capital in candy and to sell it from the shelves he fitted up behind his father's bar in the tavern. This seemed to delight him very much and he evinced a great deal of healthy interest in his work; he was very faithful, and his efforts meeting with success, he often replaced his stock. When fifteen years old, aided by a little friendly assistance, he secured a horse and wagon and a small stock of books, stationery, and candy, and started out in the country to dispose of his goods. His first call met with a very chilling reception and the door was slammed in his face, but being of that kind of material that makes successful merchants and men of business, he made a second call and sold a pocket Bible and hymnal. The encour-

agement which he met with there followed him ever after in his travels of over fifty years, for various firms, his line of goods being principally notions. He settled in Lebanon, N. H., and bought the Cragin property, building a store on it, in which he wholesaled yankee notions. At first he was his only salesman, but later on put men on the road, running several four-horse teams, the wagons being especially built for his business and handsomely decorated on the sides with beautiful oil paintings. In 1883 he built the present store and began manufacturing on a small scale shirts and overalls. Later on he dropped the business of selling notions and devoted his whole time to the manufacturing, employing over 100 hands. As his sons grew up he taught them the business and took them in as partners. He has been one of the hardest-working men in the county, and if there was ever a self-made man, worthy of example, he is one. His health failed from overwork, and in 1889 he retired from the business, leaving it to his sons, a handsome legacy in itself, in addition to a comfortable fortune, independent of it. He has always been a stanch Republican, and a liberal supporter of the Congregational Church. His name will always be a reminder of one who the citizens of Lebanon delighted to honor and one in whom were associated feelings of the deepest respect. Mr. Carter died Feb. 25, 1897.

Mr. Carter married his first wife, Caroline A. Leavitt, May 2, 1843; she was born Oct. 31, 1823, and died Nov. 27, 1846. She left one child at her decease, Henrietta C., who was born May 21, 1845, and died July 24, 1875. His second wife, Julia E. Wilson, whom he married May 1, 1848, was born Sept. 24, 1828, and died Feb. 26, 1859. He was the third time united in marriage, Aug. 7, 1859, to Marion A. Rice, daughter of Emery and Laura (Fairbanks) Rice; she was born April 13, 1839, and died March 7, 1892. Two sons were the result of this marriage: Augustus H., born Feb. 11, 1862, married Aug. 3, 1886, A. May Jackson; Frederick G., born Aug. 9, 1865, married May 16, 1892, Sarah J. Sargent, daughter of Justus Sargent, whose sketch will be found between the covers of this volume.

Augustus H. Carter, the elder son, was educated in the Lebanon High School, and was salesman for his father for eighteen years, first



with a team through the country and then on the railroad. Upon his father's retirement he took charge of the business, and has proved himself a worthy object of his father's lessons. He is a member of the Masonic Order.

Fred G. was educated in St. Johnsbury Academy, and was clerk in the White River National Bank one year. In 1892 he became a partner of the firm, and has since combined his skill with his brother's, and has won distinction among the business men of Lebanon. He is a member of the Masonic Order, and has taken the degrees of F. & A. M., R. A. M., Mt. Horeb Commandery, K. T., and Mt. Sinai Shrine. He is also a member of the Lebanon Lodge of the I. O. O. F. He is a first lieutenant and quartermaster of the 3rd Reg. Inf., N. H. N. G.

The portrait of Henry Wood Carter, which adorns a preceding page, is a decided addition to the collated biographical records of Grafton Co., and derives especial value from his high position in the community, of which he was a late member, and from the example his life affords to those in search of commercial success.

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LANGDON BAILEY, an elderly retired business man of Woodsville, and one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of that place, was born in Lyman, N. H., Oct. 27, 1821, and is a son of Moses and Ruth (Chase) Bailey.

Our subject's father was born Jan. 7, 1795, at Goffstown, N. H., and while a tender infant was carried by his mother on horseback through the woods to Lyman, where his father settled and cleared a farm, in the midst of the surrounding timber, ending his days on the farm he thus provided for himself. Our subject's grandfather was Benjamin Bailey; he married Lettie Little, also from his native town of Goffstown. The mother of Lettie Little lived to be ninety-nine years of age. She is well remembered by our subject, who frequently saw her in his childhood.

Our subject's mother, Ruth Chase, was born March 5, 1796, and was a daughter of Robert Chase, whose wife died when Ruth was a small child. To the parents of our subject were born eight children, namely: Diantha; Langdon; Benjamin, deceased; Austin, who is engaged in farm-

ing in the town of Bath; Harriet L., who is living in Lyman; Ruth Ann, who married Henry Titus; Ethelynda, who married as her first husband Mr. Wheelock, and forming a second alliance with E. F. Stickney of Woodsville; and George W., a carpenter of Bath.

Our subject remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, attending the common schools until his fourteenth year. Soon after reaching manhood he purchased a stock of tinware, cloths, and yankee notions, and a wagon; he then traveled through the country for two years disposing of his wares; and in 1843 or 1844 he leased a tavern at Bath, which he conducted for two years, and then leased another tavern and mill, south of where Woodsville now stands, where he remained in business for some four years, when he opened a wagon, carriage, and sleigh factory and repair shop in North Haverhill and learned to perform all the woodworking necessary, and hired the iron work done by a blacksmith; at times he employed as many as five or six hands, and did a business that yielded no small returns. In 1879 he discontinued the manufacture and repair of vehicles, and moved to Woodsville, where he opened a flour and feed store, continuing for some six years until he retired from active life. He is now taking life easy at an age when most men are feeble and decrepit; Mr. Bailey is hale and hearty, and appears fully twenty years younger than he really is.

Mr. Bailey was married in the town of Bath, March 14, 1850, to Mary W. Hibbard, a native of North Haverhill, and daughter of Samuel and Mary (Bayley) Hibbard, being the youngest in a family of four boys and three girls born to her parents. Samuel Hibbard was a son of Thomas Hibbard, a native of England, who came to America as a soldier in the service of the English crown, during the Revolutionary War, and remained here at the close of hostilities, becoming a school teacher in the country he had previously fought against. He died somewhere in the State of New York. Samuel Hibbard married Mary Bayley, who lived to reach her ninety-sixth year; she was a daughter of Webster and Mary Bayley, who were from Newburyport, Mass. Shortly after Samuel Hibbard married his wife, the marriage occurring Feb. 28, 1804, he removed to Canada to live for a time, in order the more easily to secure a legacy from a dis-

tantly related aunt of Mr. Hibbard's in England, inheriting through his father, which fact makes it strongly probable that his father was the oldest son. Their home in Canada was in a log-cabin, where their first daughter was born; the Indians, although very friendly, were a constant source of fear to Mrs. Hibbard, and it was with a feeling of great relief that they removed to Hardwick, Vt. From there they came to North Haverhill about the year 1826. Samuel Hibbard was born Oct. 28, 1778, and his wife Oct. 3, 1783.

To Langdon Bailey and his good wife have been born two children: Lizzie G. and William A. The son went to California some eighteen years ago, and nothing is now known of him. As no word has been received from him during the last ten years, it is supposed that he is dead. Lizzie G. was married to George A. Davison, who was born in Sutton, Canada, March 3, 1852. At the age of eighteen he began to support himself as a telegraph operator. At length desiring a more active out-door life, he became a brakeman on the road between Sutton and Newport, Vt. After a thorough trial of that branch of the railway service, he secured employment in a box factory at Nashua. While engaged in his work in the box factory he was offered a position in the general superintendent's office of the B. & M. R. R., under the administration of Joseph A. Dodge, and accepted it. About 1874 he took charge of the station at Woodsville, and filled the duties of that position with ability and unexcelled thoroughness, and making many friends in the village by his careful administration. He held the position until his death, Feb. 23, 1887. He was a man of fine appearance, and withal a most genial and companionable friend and acquaintance. He was a prominent member in the I. O. O. F., being adjutant-general of the Patriarchs Militant.

Mrs. Bailey attends the Episcopal Church, while Mr. Bailey is of the Universalist faith. Mr. Bailey was formerly a member of the Masonic Order; in politics he is a Democrat. He served for two years as selectman for North Haverhill, and was elected to the Legislature, but was counted out in the ensuing contest. Two of his uncles did valiant service in the War of 1812. A brother of Mrs. Bailey crossed the plains as a forty-niner, when it took six months to make the trip by means of ox teams.

DEXTER DOUGLAS DOW, clerk of court for Grafton Co., is one of the rising young members of the bar, and is destined to make his mark in the profession of his choice. He is a son of William Kinsley and Hulda M. (Farnsworth) Dow. William Dow was born at Greensborough, Vt., in 1830, and died in Lincoln, Neb., May 17, 1877; his wife was born at Danville, Vt., in 1828, and passed away to the blessed scenes beyond on the 7th of November, 1875. Our subject's father was for many years a traveling salesman for wholesale firms in Buffalo and in Chicago, moving from the former city to the latter location sometime in 1863. About the year 1866 he moved to Clinton, Wis., where he opened a grocery store, conducting it for eight or nine years, when he removed to Lincoln, Neb. In that city he entered upon the manufacture of cigars, and was engaged in that occupation at the time of his death, in the spring of 1877. Of the five children born in this family, three survive, the two youngest having died in infancy. Of the three living, William H. and Jennie A. (wife of John Henry), the eldest and the youngest children, reside in Littleton of this county.

Dexter Douglas Dow was born in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 20, 1863, and three months later was taken with his older brother to Chicago, where his father made his headquarters for a time. From there the family went to Clinton, Wis., remaining there about nine years, and there our subject received his common school education. In 1876, when his father moved to Lincoln, Neb., Dexter D. went with him and assisted him in the manufacture of cigars. After his father's death, his mother having preceded her husband, our subject with his brother and sister came back east, and for four and a half years clerked in a store at Glover, Vt., earning money to take him through school and prepare him for a professional career. He spent three years in St. Johnsbury Academy, preparing for college. He entered Dartmouth College in 1885, and graduated in the Class of '89, in the full classical course.

After his college course was finished he read law in the office of Bingham, Mitchell & Batchelor, at Littleton, N. H. He was admitted to the bar in August of 1892. After his admission to the bar, he remained with his preceptors in the profession until January, 1893, when he was ap-



pointed clerk of the Supreme Court of Grafton County.

In his political affiliations Mr. Dow is an unyielding Democrat, as was his father before him. He is trustee of the public library of Woodsville, and a director of the Woodsville Loan & Banking Co. Socially he is a member of several influential organizations. He belongs to the Burns Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 66; Franklin Chapter, No. 5; Omega Council, No. 9; St. Girard Commandery, K. T.; Edw. A. Raymond Consistory of Nashua. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Mt. Gardner Lodge, No. 55. In his college days he became a member of the Greek Letter Fraternity, Psi Upsilon, Zeta Chapter; and also a member of the Sphinx, a society of the Senior Classes.

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CHARLES NEWCOMB, M. D., a physician of high repute in North Haverhill, with an extended practice in Haverhill, Benton, Piermont, Warren, and as far as Orford, was born in the Green Mountain State, at Montpelier, April 16, 1858. He is a son of Luther Newcomb, and a grandson of Dr. Luther Newcomb, the first physician of Northern Vermont.

The family history properly begins with Capt. Andrew Newcomb, Sr., who came to America from England prior to 1663, at which time he married Grace, the widow of William Rix of Boston. Capt. Newcomb was a sea captain. The unbroken Newcomb line was continued from this early settler through Andrew Newcomb, Jr., Simon Newcomb, Hezekiah Newcomb, Silas Newcomb, Daniel Newcomb, to the grandfather of our subject, Dr. Luther Newcomb, who was born in Leyden (then Bernards-town), Mass., April 12, 1770. Dr. Newcomb studied medicine and located in Derby, Vt., where he became eminent in his profession as a pioneer in that part of the State. In the church circles he was a prominent figure, and held offices in his chosen church. He married, April 9, 1800, in Derby, Millicent Conant of Brownington, Vt.; she was born Jan. 29, 1791, and died March 6, 1814. Dr. Luther married as his second wife, July 19, 1815, Lucretia Martin of Peacham, Vt., who became our subject's grandmother. She

was born in 1790, and passed away to her reward in Derby, Feb. 27, 1841. Dr. Newcomb died in the same town, Feb. 16, 1831.

Luther Newcomb, the tenth child of Dr. Newcomb, was born in Derby, Vt., April 10, 1826; bereaved of his parents at an early age, he went to Montpelier, Vt., and made his home with Judge Wheeler until he was nineteen years of age, when he became a revenue officer on Lake Champlain for two years. He then returned to the home of Judge Wheeler, and studied law under him, O. H. Smith, and Judge Redfield; during this time he was a fellow-student with Redfield Proctor, ex-Secretary of War, and an inmate of the same house. Judge Wheeler was county clerk, and Mr. Newcomb was appointed his deputy. When Judge Wheeler retired his deputy was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Newcomb was clerk of Washington Co., Vt., and clerk of the Supreme Court; he held the clerkship for twenty-four years, dying in office. His schooling was received in the public schools of Montpelier. Shortly before his death he united with the New Unitarian Church. He was a great sportsman and was considered the most skillful fisherman in Washington Co. Of a genial and jovial nature, he made a most pleasant companion, and was enabled to gain many friends; his abundant good nature found vent in the many practical jokes which he practiced on the unsuspecting. Skilled in the management of horses, there were few who enjoyed the genuine pleasure afforded by such knowledge and appreciation of good equine points. At the request of the entire bar of Washington Co. the funeral services over his remains were held in the old Court House, the scene of his many labors. Hon. C. W. Willard, member of Congress, made an address at the obsequies, in which he stated that there was not a hill or stream in the county that Mr. Newcomb and himself had not explored in their fishing and hunting excursions together. He was married June 25, 1857, to Amanda V., daughter of Gen. Stephen and Anna (Peabody) Thomas, who was born in West Fairlee, Vt., Oct. 21, 1834. Gen. Stephen Thomas, who was of Welsh stock on his father's side, was an officer in the late war, going out as colonel of the 8th Reg. Vt. Vol. Inf. His grandfather, Joseph Thomas, born in New Hampshire, was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. His



father, John Thomas, was born in Amherst, N. H., and died on the battlefield in the War of 1812. Gen. Thomas's mother was Rebecca Batchelder, a native of Brookfield, Mass., and a member of an old Colonial family, whose ancestors emigrated to America in 1630. Gen. Stephen Thomas was the third child in his parents' family, and was born in Bethel, Vt., Dec. 6, 1809. He attended the common schools of Thetford, Vt., and at the age of eighteen was apprenticed to a wool manufacturer; having learned the trade, he followed it for several years at Thetford, Strafford, and Fairlee. He then went to Hartland and started a factory of his own, which was destroyed by fire after a number of years of successful work; he resumed business at Thetford, and finally was established in West Fairlee. In 1830 he was married to Ann Peabody of Reading; the result of this union was a son and daughter, who both grew to maturity. From his early years he gave much attention to politics, supporting the Democratic nominees before the rupture that led to the Civil War. He was a member of the Legislatures of 1838-39-40-46. In 1860 and 1861 he was Democratic nominee for Lieutenant-Governor. He had no friendly feeling with the slave-owners of the South, and was opposed to the entire institution from root to branch. In the events immediately preceding secession he was an interested observer—yes, more than an observer, for he lent all the weight of his influence to aid in upholding the Union. In 1867 and 1868 he served as Lieutenant-Governor of Vermont. He was a delegate to the Charleston Convention, the proceedings of which changed his politics. From 1870 to 1878 he was pension agent for the State of Vermont. He was a delegate to the convention that nominated Grant for the Presidency. He has been commander of the G. A. R. organization of the State of Vermont.

Dr. Charles Newcomb was reared at Montpelier, Vt., attended the district schools, and graduated from the academy in his seventeenth year. He served as deputy for his father from June to October, 1875, and then began the study of his profession in the office of Dr. C. M. Chandler. He attended lectures of six courses in the Medical Department of the University of Vermont, at Burlington, Vt., and one course in the Medical Department of Dartmouth College,

seven courses in all. As he was under the legal age for admission to practice he was forced to wait until he had attained the requisite age. He began the practice of medicine in filling an appointment as mine surgeon at the Ely mines near Bradford, Vt.; he remained there until 1883, then practiced in Washington Co., Vt., and removed to North Haverhill. He has met with splendid success in his practice and is recognized as one of the leaders in his department.

Dr. Newcomb was married Feb. 25, 1883, at Washington, Vt., to Elmina Hunt, a native of Wolcott, Vt. She is a daughter of Wilber M. and Eunice (Nichols) Hunt of Post Mills, Thetford, Vt. Mr. Hunt is a carpenter by trade, and is a son of Justus Hunt. To Dr. and Mrs. Newcomb were born two children: Annie Laurie, born Nov. 26, 1883; and Ashton W., who died in infancy. Dr. Newcomb is a member of the Knights of the Ancient Essenic Order. He is Master of Pink Granite Grange, No. 210; his wife is also a member. He is also member-at-large of the K. A. E. O. He has been health officer for nine years, member of the school board for three years. He has also been a surgeon for the United States Pension Examiners under Harrison's administration. He is a Republican in politics.

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JOHN M. GETCHELL, a carpenter, builder, and contractor of the village of North Haverhill, was born in the same village Aug. 28, 1841; he is a son of Silas P. and Abigail Q. (McConnell) Getchell, to whom four children were born, as follows: Elvira married David E. Bliffin, a farmer of North Haverhill; George, deceased; John M., the subject of this memoir; Emma, deceased. Abigail Q. McConnell was a daughter of John and Abigail (Carter) McConnell, the former a farmer by occupation, also engaging in the hewing of timber for heavy bridge work.

When Mr. Getchell was sixteen years of age he took two years at Newbury Academy in Vermont, to finish his education that was begun at Haverhill, in the common schools of that place. He then remained with his father until he attained his majority, and learned the carriage-maker's trade. He started in business in North Haverhill, where he opened a shop and worked

for twenty years, selling out at the end of the time and devoting his attention to carpentry and machinery ever since. Mr. Getchell is of an ingenious and practical turn of mind, and has taken out two valuable patents, which show great originality and simplicity of design. The first was a corn-planter, and the other was a bicycle support made in two different styles; it is light in construction, and no complications to get out of order; it will hold a wheel upright and steady even on a hillside.

Mr. Getchell was married Dec. 31, 1865, at North Haverhill to Roselle E. Marston, daughter of William C. and Lucy S. (Frary) Marston, who were born in Benton, and North Haverhill respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Marston reared the following two boys and three girls: Ellen E., the widow of Walter B. Davis of Madison, Wis.; Moody C., of Bath, N. H.; Wilder died in infancy; Roselle, our subject's wife; and Mary Ella, who married Edward Branard of Piermont, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Getchell are attendants of the Methodist Church. One child, Milan W., was born to them, but he has been taken back to the heavenly fold. In politics Mr. Getchell is a Democrat. An Odd Fellow socially, he belongs to Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F. Mr. Getchell is regarded with the highest esteem by his fellow-townsmen, who are ever ready to appreciate real worth.

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JANES GLAZIER, a retired farmer of the town of Haverhill, was born in Weathersfield, Vt., July 13, 1823. He is a son of James and Sallie (Foster) Glazier, who were the parents of eight children, namely: Zenas, deceased; Orpha, deceased; Nathaniel, who lives at the age of eighty-four in Cleveland, Ohio; Luke, deceased; Aaron, deceased; Sarah (Bisby), who is living in Woodsville; Janes, the subject of this sketch; and Mary, deceased. His grandparents were Aaron and Hannah (Ross) Glazier. Aaron Glazier lived in Weathersfield Bow; he was a blacksmith in the Revolutionary army, and his anvil, which was made in England in 1714, is still owned by his grandson. He was with Gen. Putnam, when the latter made his famous ride down the steps and turned on the pursuers when they

attempted to cautiously feel their way down the treacherous way. James Glazier, Aaron's son, performed the same service on the anvil during the War of 1812. He was born in Weathersfield, Vt., and was a blacksmith by trade. He came to Center Haverhill, when his son Janes was two years old; his first purchase was of 160 acres, where he built himself a house and lived to be seventy-six years old.

Janes Glazier was reared on the farm where he now makes his home and learned the blacksmith's trade in his father's shop, also learning the trade of a carpenter and a carriage-maker. He was married June 3, 1845, in Benton, to Almira Elliott, who was born in Haverhill of David and Mary (Mead) Elliott; Mrs. Glazier's grandfather on her father's side was a soldier of the War of 1812. After his marriage our subject lived nine years on the farm, and then for six years was a carriage-maker and carpenter at North Benton. One year was spent in a carriage shop in Concord, six years in Warren, and in Lowell, Mass., for fourteen years, in which he was a boss carpenter over sixty to eighty workmen in two big factories. He returned to the farm in 1873, remaining there six years, engaged in agricultural labors, and then lived in Suncook, N. H., from 1879 to 1885, and since that time has lived on the old home farm. Mr. Glazier has been a man of wonderful energy and adaptability, having been a very busy man all his life, and accomplishing much in a short time in any of the trades which he has mastered and worked at. His union with Miss Elliott was blessed with the birth of the following four children: Alma J. married Ira C. Swain, Sept. 16, 1865; he died May 25, 1876, and she was married Feb. 26, 1879, to Charles Clark; Alice M. married Thomas E. Taylor, a boss carpenter on the B. & M. R. R.; Winnie B. married Fred Aldrich, who lives in this town; Burke J. is the pastor of the Advent Church in Franconia. In June, 1895, Mr. Glazier and his good wife celebrated their golden wedding, and in the family gathering there were four generations represented, being four children, seven grand-children, and one great-grandchild present. Mr. Glazier is a member of the M. E. Church; his wife is a Second Adventist in her religious faith. Our subject was born and reared a Democrat; his grandfather voted for



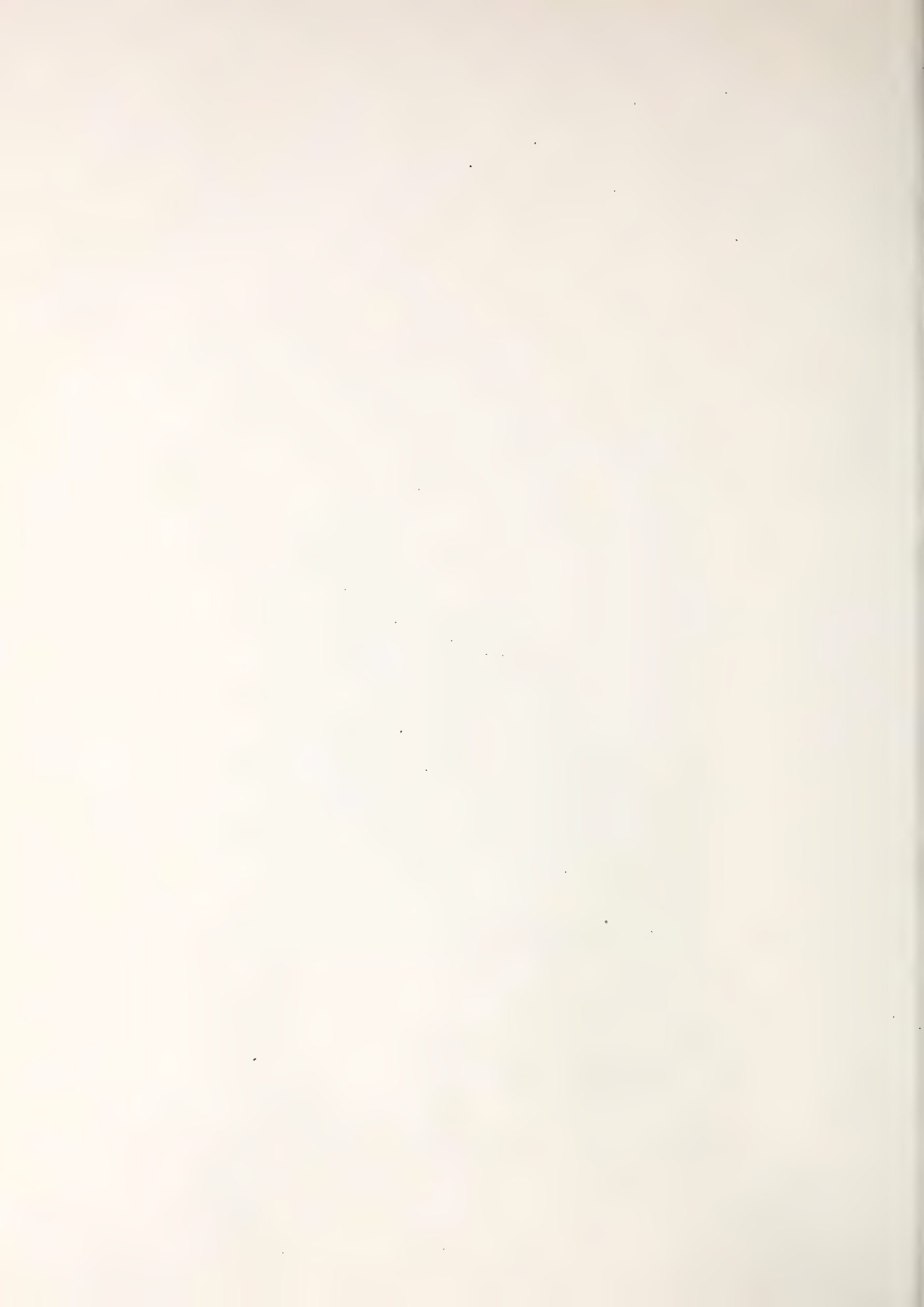




GEORGE W. JOHNSON.



MRS. ARMINDA A. JOHNSON.





Washington, Jefferson, and Jackson. In 1845 Mr. Glazier was postmaster under Polk's administration for a term of four years at Center Hayterhill, and again for another four years under Franklin Pierce. He has also been town clerk.

It is a matter of history that Mr. Glazier's mother's grandfather cut the fuse to a torpedo in a naval battle during the French and Indian War, saving the ship on which he was stationed. He was sent to England, feted, and loaded down with presents on his return home. A silk dress, which was given to him for his wife, was later cut up into small pieces and made into pin-cushions for his descendants, and Mr. Glazier's sister in Woodsville is the proud possessor of one of those little articles.

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GEORGE W. JOHNSON, a retired manufacturer of Enfield Center, now residing in that village and enjoying the rest that comes after a long life of toil and anxiety, was born in Peacham, Vt., May 12, 1817, and is a son of Calvin and Mary (Carter) Johnson.

Calvin Johnson was born in Canterbury, N. H., Dec. 17, 1787, and was a shoemaker by trade; his lot was cast in various places, but his last years were spent in Peacham, Vt., where he died Dec. 15, 1824. His wife was born in Pembroke, N. H., Nov. 10, 1783, and died in 1865; she married as her second husband a Mr. Patterson, and after his decease, married Mr. Jackson. The children born to our subject's parents were as follows: William, born in Belfast, Me., March 13, 1807, became a noted circus rider and performer of his day; Jacob, born in Belfast, Me., May 13, 1808; Calvin, born in Barnet, Vt., July 23, 1810; and George W., the subject of this sketch, whose birth occurred at the date given at the beginning of this personal sketch.

Our subject's mother being left without the necessary means to bring up the children as she wished, George W. at the age of seven was sent to live with Capt. Cyrus Smith of Marshfield, Vt., where he was given excellent instruction in farming and in general business until he was twenty-one years old; at the same time his school education was not slighted in the least. His bright and prosperous career gives evidence

what good instruction he received and how well he profited by it.

At the age of twenty-one he came to Enfield Center, and soon after his arrival bought an interest in the tin or metallic harness for weaving broadcloth, an invention of Enfield's distinguished inventors, Benjamin Hartford & Tilton; the company that was formed to manufacture the article at once put it on the market and met with splendid success. He also bought the Mt. Calm Hotel, which he used as a home and also opened it to the public. In addition to these projects, he became interested with G. Thurston in the manufacture of fork and rake handles. The business being light in 1861, our subject went to South Royalton and bought a fine stock farm, which he ran four years, and then business in manufacturing picking up again, he sold the farm and returned to Enfield Center and bought for a home the I. Heath place. In 1871 he sold out his interest in the factory and went to Claremont, N. H., and carried on painting one year, returning home then and retired from active work, and has nothing to occupy him but the looking after his various business interests, and extensive property. He has been very successful in life, and is a general favorite in town; he is the happiest and most active man in his vicinity and believes in making the most of life; he enjoys a good joke and joins in the laughter with a heartiness that is refreshing to witness.

Aug. 17, 1853, he married Arminda Andrews, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Hoyt) Andrews, whose sketch appears in connection with our subject's brother-in-law, George Fletcher Andrews. The union of our subject and his wife having been blessed with no children, they adopted Emma F. Banks at the age of four years; she was born Aug. 6, 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson reared and educated her, and she became a skilled artist. She married as her first husband R. R. Phillips, a noted detective, who died, leaving her with one child, Mary A., who died young. Emma F. married as her second husband D. T. Church, and resides at St. Albans, Vt. Mr. Church is a conductor on the passenger train running between Windsor, Vt., to St. Albans.

Our subject has always supported the Republican party, and has served in the town as overseer of the poor, as town clerk, and in several

minor offices. He is a member of the Social Lodge, F. & A. M.; of the I. O. O. F.; and of the Sons of Temperance. He has always taken a very active interest in the temperance cause, and as he has kept a full and complete writing of his life since 1851, he can refer to the exact day of many interesting incidents that have occurred in his own business life and in the town.

The accompanying portraits of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Johnson will be appreciated by a large circle of friends.

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CHARLES H. WATERMAN, a dairy farmer, engaged in the prosecution of his calling in Aetna Village, town of Hanover, was born in Hanover Center, April 8, 1848. He is a son of Lathrop and Susan B. (Muzzey) Waterman, the latter of whom was born in Charlestown, Mass., and was a daughter of Joseph and Jane (Bartlett) Muzzey. Joseph Muzzey was a blacksmith, and lived to be ninety years old; his wife preceded him to that unknown land beyond at the age of sixty-six.

Lathrop Waterman was born in Aurelius, in the northern part of New York State, in 1810, the eldest of twelve children born to his parents, Seth and Susan (Miller) Waterman. Seth Waterman was a son of Zephaniah Waterman, a soldier of the Revolution and of the War of 1812. Seth Waterman lived to the age of seventy, and his wife was over ninety years old at her death. Lathrop Waterman came to Haverhill when quite young with his parents. He was married in Boscawen, N. H., where he worked for a time teaming from Hanover to Boston, and from Haverhill to Boston. He came to Hanover and began farming before our subject was born. In 1861 he moved to Enfield, where he lived the remainder of his life, dying there Sept. 5, 1875; while a resident of that town, in addition to carrying on farming, he kept a hotel at Enfield Center. He was twice married; by his first wife he was made the parent of two children: the younger, John Waterman, lives in Augusta, Me., the elder died young. His second wife bore him three children: Susanna (Hayes); Mary Ann (Hill); and Charles H., the subject of this sketch.

Charles H. Waterman and his mother continued to live in Enfield after the death of his father, and until 1884, when they came to the town of Hanover and bought the Smith farm of fifty acres, adding to it later on by purchase of the Wright place of five or six acres in extent. In March, 1889, Mr. Waterman bought his present farm of 100 acres and sold the other two. He has a fine dairy and keeps as high as twenty choice cows. His orchard of over 100 trees yields him each year a fine crop of fruit.

Mr. Waterman contracted his first matrimonial alliance in 1876; the bride was Abbie A. Harvey of the town of Grafton, and daughter of Warren Harvey. She died Feb. 23, 1880. His second marriage occurred in 1882 to Flora Abbott. He was the third time united in marriage, March 27, 1889, to Emma H. Bridgman, daughter of John L. Bridgman, who married Hortense A. Wood. The latter was a daughter of Augustus and Sophrona (Smith) Wood. John Ladd Bridgman was born in Hanover, Nov. 16, 1817, and was a son of Abel and Ruth (Ladd) Bridgman. Ruth Ladd was a daughter of William Ladd, who married a Miss Eastman. Abel Bridgman was born in the town of Hanover about 1803, and died at the age of eighty-three. As his father, Abel Bridgman, Sr., died when he was a small boy, he was bound out, and endured a hard life until he was able and old enough to do for himself. John L. Bridgman has been especially trusted and honored by his employers and his fellow-citizens. For ten years he was in the freight office of the Boston & Lowell R. R., and ten years in the ticket office of East Cambridge, Mass.; it was while a resident of that town that his daughter, Mrs. Waterman, was born. He has served the town of Hanover twenty-six years as selectman, twenty-four years of which time he was chairman; he was deputy sheriff fifteen years; county commissioner three years; and is at present a member of the Legislature. He is an officer or director of each of Hanover's banks.

Both our subject and his wife are attendants of the Baptist Church of Aetna Village, and members of the Grafton Star Grange, No. 60, of Hanover. Mr. Waterman's politics are Republican, although he was formerly an adherent of the Democratic party. He has been road surveyor many years, a position his father held also.



HON. JAMES K. P. YOUNG, a prosperous agriculturist and prominent citizen of Landaff, N. H., was born in Lyman, N. H., Nov. 20, 1846, and is a son of Archimedes and Betsey N. (Eaton) Young of the town of Landaff, N. H.

Our subject's father obtained his education in the common schools of his native town, and Haverhill Academy, and taught school winters and worked on the farm summers with his father. Then he purchased a farm and tilled the soil for the rest of his life. In politics he was a leader among his towns-people, and filled a number of offices of prominence, notably selectman, representative to the State Legislature, justice of the peace, in all of which positions he did credit to himself and to his constituents. He married Betsey N. Eaton, daughter of Timothy Eaton of Landaff, and to them were born four children: Julia; Lavinia; James K. P., the subject of this sketch; and one, who died in infancy. Archimedes Young and family were regular worshippers in the M. E. Church of Landaff.

Our subject's educational advantages were limited to those that usually obtain in a country town, and two years in the village school of Lisbon, but by improving his natural abilities in nature's school of experience, in which a lesson learned is never forgotten, he managed to make up for any deficiency, and to be thought of as a very well-educated man. After the completion of his course in school, he settled down on a farm. About the year 1878 the farm was deeded to him by his father, and there our subject has lived ever since. Like his father, he is enthusiastic in upholding the principles of the Democratic party; he has proved himself of great service to the town by his efficient work he has accomplished in the various offices he has held. He has been selectman, and was elected, in 1890, to a seat in the State House of Representatives; in appreciation of his services in behalf of the town he was again selected by his towns-people to again represent them in the Legislature. Honest and straight to the point in every action and word, he is a man who can be thoroughly relied upon in all matters. His farming has been very successful, and has been done on the most approved methods known to agriculture. His free and open nature have won him hosts of friends who have nothing but words of praise to speak of him.

HON. HENRY H. PALMER. There have been few citizens of the town of Piermont more instrumental in molding its growth and material development than the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this biography. He has been retired from active work for some time, and at present lives on a small farm near the village. He was born in the town of Orford, Aug. 1, 1823, and was reared to manhood and educated there in its district schools. At the age of seventeen, having completed his education, he went to work in the woods one winter driving a team for a lumbering camp. The following winter he went to the city of Nashua, N. H., and worked in a brass factory, beginning at fifty cents a day, and boarding himself. While thus engaged he heard of his mother's illness, but was not able to reach her in time to receive her last words, for she had died and the funeral had occurred when he arrived at home. He did not return to the foundry at Nashua, but went to farming on the old home farm with his father, in order to buy it back, for on account of financial straits it had passed out of his father's hands. They kept sheep during the summer, and followed lumbering in the winter, having erected a saw-mill on the farm. In a few years the old place was bought back. When our subject was twenty-eight he sold the farm and bought another piece of property, mostly timber land, which he worked for the lumber for four years. At the age of thirty-two Mr. Palmer moved to the town of Piermont, and bought a farm on the plains, near the river, about two miles north of the village; for fifteen years he made that place his home, and was extensively engaged in the sheep business, keeping as many as 650 a year. He finally sold the river farm and bought his present farm, to which he added 200 acres near the village of Piermont, which he improved; on his retirement to his present abode he sold it.

Our subject is the son of Elijah Palmer, and the grandson of Nathaniel Palmer. The latter was one of the early pioneers of Orford; in the first year of his residence the food was so scarce the family was forced to subsist almost entirely on greens, and when they wanted meal he used to go to Charlestown, sixty miles away. He was a millwright, and built a mill soon after coming to New Hampshire, at Strafford, Vt.; this mill became a great help to him and his neighbors,



as it enabled them to obtain their supplies nearer home. His sons built several bridges across the Connecticut River at different points in the summer months of their first years of residence there.

Elijah Palmer, the father of our subject, was born in Warren, Conn., and came to Orford with his father; he was a carpenter and wheelwright as well as a farmer, and made ploughs, cart-wheels, etc., during the winter months. He lived to be eighty-five years old, and died in Piermont at the residence of his son, Henry H. Palmer; his wife passed away at their home in Orford at the age of fifty-eight. Her maiden name was Olive Niles; she was a daughter of Deacon John S. and Olive (Wales) Niles. The latter lived to be about ninety years old. Deacon John S. Niles was a soldier in the Revolution, and received a pension in his late years; he lived to be about eighty-five years old; he was a farmer. The Niles family came from Braintree, Mass., when our subject's mother was a small child.

Hon. Henry H. Palmer solemnized his marriage with Rosetta Quint, Dec. 17, 1844; she was a daughter of Samuel Quint, whose father, Thomas Quint, was a Revolutionary soldier and drew a pension, and was a pioneer settler of the town of Orford, a part of which is still commonly known as Quint-town. To Mr. and Mrs. Palmer were born two children: Lucy A. and Addie. Lucy A., now deceased, married Horace Underhill, and bore him six children, namely: Dora M., Leon H., Ernest S., Louena, Sarah A., and Rosetta. Addie Palmer is a recognized teacher of art in Boston. She began her life as an artist by retouching photographs for a firm in Concord. Then she went to Boston, where she took private lessons in art, and after due preparation opened a studio for work and pupils. For three years she was a teacher of art in Merrill & Dart's School, in Baltimore, Md.; she gave up that position on the death of her mother. When she resumed her work she opened a studio and organized classes in Boston.

Mr. Palmer is a member of the Congregational Church, as was his wife during her life. In political matters he has ever been actively associated with the Republican party; four years after coming to Piermont he was elected selectman, and has served twenty-five years in that capacity, including one term of eight years. He served as representative in 1868-1869, and in 1889 in the

Lower House in the State Legislature. In 1894-95 he was State Senator for the Third District of Grafton Co. Mr. Palmer was instrumental in forming the Town Insurance Co., which in twenty years has sustained but \$500.00 loss by fire. He is one of the only three charter members of the company living, and has been a director for twenty-seven years.

Mr. Palmer's first wife died Aug. 22, 1888, and he then married, Nov. 26, 1892, Mrs. Sabrin Bowler of Hillsboro, N. H., for his second wife.

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WESLEY H. IRWIN. Among the most proficient and capable engineers on the passenger runs of the B. & M. R. R., is the one whose name heads this sketch. He was born in North Haverhill, N. H., Sept. 21, 1865, and is a son of Archibald and Mary (Hall) Irwin, to whom were born eight children: Flora is married and is living at Laconia; the second child died in infancy; Thomas is a stone-mason at North Haverhill; Annie is deceased; Wesley H., the subject of this sketch; Abraham, deceased; Arthur, a stone-mason; and one, who died in infancy. Archibald Irwin was born in Ireland. He was a shoe-maker by trade. From Ireland he came to Canada, where he met and married his wife, and then came to North Haverhill about the year 1864. Mary Hall was born in Melbourne, Canada.

Our subject attended school and passed his boyhood years to the age of eleven in Haverhill and then began life for himself, taking up farm work at first. He then tried clerking, but did not like the confined in-door work, so went back to an agricultural life till he was twenty years old, when he was employed as watchman at the round-house at Woodsville for one year, and then fired for five years. On May 4, 1890, he became an engineer, being passed over eight or ten men, who were his seniors, and has now one of the very best passenger runs on the road.

Mr. Irwin was married July 29, 1891, at North Haverhill to Mattie A. Wetherbee, who was born in the town of Haverhill of William and Martha J. (George) Wetherbee. Mrs. Martha J. Wetherbee married as her second husband Elijah Clifford; she was a daughter of Hiram and Martha

(Whitman) George. William Wetherbee was a son of Charles Hiram and Martha Abigail (Woodward) Wetherbee. William Wetherbee was a soldier in the War of the Rebellion, and his children drew his pension after his death. To Mrs. Irwin's parents were born the following children: Charles H. lives at North Haverhill, where he is postmaster; William G. is a quarryman at North Haverhill; Mattie A. is the wife of our subject; and Mina, who is deceased. Roscoe Wesley is the only child that has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin; he was born June 26, 1892. Our subject and his wife are regular attendants of the M. E. Church. Mr. Irwin is a member of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a firm Democrat.

LYMAN M. SOUTHARD, deceased, formerly engaged in farming in the town of Haverhill, N. H., was born in Walpole, N. H., Nov. 1, 1817, and departed this life July 30, 1895. His parents moved to Horse Meadow when he was four years of age, and there he received a district school education, finishing with a course in the academy at Peacham, Vt. He lived at home as long as his father lived, and then purchased the farm, on which he lived the rest of his life, which farm consisted of sixty acres of farming land, situated near the old home place, and 100 acres of back pasture some six miles away. He was a Republican, and gave his services to the town in the capacity of a member of the school committee for many years, as road surveyor and in divers other offices.

Our subject was a son of Moses and Nancy (King) Southard, and grandson of Thomas and Rachel Southard. Thomas Southard was born April 11, 1750, and his wife May 17, 1750. To them were born six children, as follows: Welthy, born March 11, 1779, died in 1783; James, born Aug. 20, 1780, married Hannah Wilcox, and died Feb. 25, 1864, his wife following him Oct. 24th of the same year; Aaron, born Oct. 23, 1784, married Jane Finley, died Sept. 20, 1857, his wife passed away in 1876; Moses, born Oct. 23, 1784, married Nancy King, and died April 16, 1852, his wife died in 1845; Eliza, born June 10, 1787, married Samuel Putnam; Lucinda,

born July 16, 1789, married Mr. Nesmith, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Kenedy.

Moses Southard was born in Ackworth, N. H., and died at the age of sixty-three years; he was about thirty-two years of age when he sold out his mercantile business in Walpole and came to the town of Haverhill, where he spent his remaining days on a farm. His wife was also born in Ackworth, N. H., and died in 1845; she was a daughter of Samuel King, who was also a native of that place, where as a prominent agriculturist he lived to a good old age. There were born to our subject's parents five children, four boys and one girl, as follows: Solon, born May 28, 1813, married Berintha Merrill, Dec. 22, 1841, married Melissa Eastman Sept. 14, 1854, and died Oct. 21, 1870, his first wife died Jan. 17, 1854; Caroline, born in 1815, died in 1816; Lyman, the subject of this sketch, whose birth and death has already been stated; Franklin, born in 1819, and died in 1833; and George, born in 1821, and died in 1833.

Lyman M. Southard was first joined in marriage to Jane Bachop, in 1846, and was presented with one child, Mary Ellen (Merrill), who lives in the State of Tennessee. His second matrimonial alliance was contracted Dec. 16, 1857, at Horse Meadow, the bride being Hetta Kimball, daughter of Dudley C. and Sallie (Putnam) Kimball, to whom four children were born: Daniel Putnam, deceased; Joseph Porter; Charles Fox, deceased; and Hetta Carleton, the widow of our subject. The last named is descended from Richard Kimball, one of two brothers who came from England in 1634; he was born in 1595, and settled in Ipswich in 1637. He married Ursula Scott, and died in 1675. Benjamin Kimball, the son of the foregoing, was born in 1637, and married Mercy Hazeltine. Their son, Ebenezer Kimball, was born June 20, 1684, and married Ruth Eaton. Abraham Kimball, son of Ebenezer, was born Jan. 3, 1714, and married Hannah Hazeltine. Amos Kimball, the son of Abraham, was born Aug. 31, 1750, in Bradford, Mass., married Abigail Corliss, Feb. 20, 1774. John Kimball, the son of the foregoing, was born Jan. 4, 1775, married Mehitabel Carleton, daughter of Dudley Carleton, and died in May, 1868. Dudley Carleton Kimball, Mrs. Southard's father, and son of John and Mehitabel (Carleton) Kimball, was born Nov. 21, 1800, married Sally



Putnam in 1823, and died Sept. 12, 1887. Sally Putnam, Mrs. Southard's mother, was a daughter of Daniel and Sally (Porter) Putnam. The Putnam family is descended from two brothers, who came from England and settled near Danvers, Mass. Mrs. Southard bore our subject the following children: Martha Putnam, Charles Fox, and Anabel Margaret. Martha P. married Frank E. Wells, the city marshal of Lynn, Mass., and has presented him with three children: Mabel Hetta, Earl Eugene, and Hazel Fern. Charles F. married Mary J. Lang of Orford, N. H., and lives in North Haverhill, where he has extensive mercantile interests in a store. Mrs. Hetta Southard is a member of the Congregational Church at Wells River, Vt.

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JOHN FRANK ELLIOT, a farmer of Lyme, whose farm is located in the southern part of that town in the valley of Fairfield Brook, was born in the town of Campton, N. H., Aug. 22, 1850. He is a son of John and Julia A. (Southmayd) Elliot, and a grandson of Thomas and Ruth A. (Burbank) Elliot.

Thomas Elliot was a native of the United States, but was living in Canada when his children were born, seven in number. He afterwards returned to the United States and settled in Campton, N. H., where he operated a saw and grist-mill with his son John, our subject's father. John Elliot was born in Shipton township, near Danville, Province of Quebec, Oct. 23, 1809, and lived in Canada until he was twenty-eight, when he came to Lowell, Mass., where he worked in a factory six years. He then came to Campton, and, having bought a saw-mill, engaged in lumbering with his father a number of years. About the year 1850 he bought land, built a house, and cleared a farm, and followed farming the rest of his life, dying Jan. 16, 1885. He was a member of the Baptist Society, and was always a church-going man, upright and conscientious in his relations with his fellow-men, and very much esteemed by them. He served his town a term in the capacity of representative. His wife bore him five children: one, that died unnamed; John F., the subject of this sketch; Flora A.; Martha G.; and Henry C.; all living in Campton on the homestead.

Our subject's mother, born in the town of Campton, was the daughter of William and Susan (Knight) Southmayd, and granddaughter of "Squire" John Southmayd. William Southmayd and his father were very prominent in the early settlement of the town of Campton. Squire John Southmayd came from Hadlyme, Conn., to the town of Campton as early as 1773, with \$500 in his possession, which was more than any previous settler had brought. By reason of his superior education he took a leading part in the town affairs of his time, and was justice of the peace and town clerk for many years; he was the only surveyor the town could boast of, and, in addition to his other superior qualifications, he was a good carpenter. He was a leading politician, and was at one time the only Democrat in the town. He was married in Campton to Providence Willey, daughter of Abel Willey, in 1774; this was about the first wedding to be solemnized in the town. She died in less than two years after the marriage, and left one child to her husband as the result of the union. Squire Southmayd formed a second matrimonial alliance with a daughter of Deacon Baker.

John Frank Elliot lived in the town of Campton through the years of his minority, and secured an education in the district schools and in New Hampton Institute. When twenty-one years of age he went west, remaining there two years. One winter was spent in Chicago, and a summer in Nora, Ill.; he then went to Nebraska, near the town of Tecumseh, and in March traveled through Central Kansas with a team, returning in the fall to Tecumseh, where he weathered a spell of typhoid fever. As soon as he was able to travel he returned to New Hampshire and worked two years for A. L. and W. G. Brown of Wentworth, in the lumber business. In 1876 he was married and came to his present farm of 120 acres, and has made it his home ever since.

His marriage with Kate Hewes was celebrated Jan. 11, 1876, at Wentworth; she is a daughter of John R. and Dolly (Stark) Hewes, the former a son of John F. and Elizabeth (Richardson) Hewes, and the latter a daughter of Capt. Albert and Elsa (Dodge) Stark. The union of our subject and his wife has resulted in the birth of nine children, namely: Fred H., who married, Nov. 25, 1896, Lena Kempton of Cornish, N. H.,







SAVORY GORDON, JR.

where he manages a creamery; Addie M.; Cora F.; Harry A.; Freeman H.; Julia R.; an infant, who died before it was christened; John F., Jr.; and Leslie C. Mr. and Mrs. Elliot are members of Morning Star Grange, No. 62, of Lyme. Mr. Elliot is a Mason, and belongs to Mt. Cube Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 10, of Orford, N. H. He is a Republican, and has served as road surveyor, and was three years a member of the school board. Our subject is a man of wide experience in the practical details of farming, and despite the general depression, which has severely injured the agricultural interests of the land, he is making a success of his farming, and leading a contented life.

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SAVORY GORDON, JR., deceased, a lately lamented citizen and farmer of the town of Landaff, Grafton Co., N. H., was born in the same town Sept. 7, 1815; he is a son of Savory and Sarah (Powers) Gordon, Sr., and a grandson of Phineas Gordon.

Phineas Gordon was a native of the Granite State, making his home in Bath, where he worked at his trade of blacksmithing all his life. He reared eleven children, who were as follows: Phineas, Jr., John, Savory, Nancy, George, Sylvester, Hannah, Mary, Abigail, Rose A., and Sybil. Religiously, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Savory Gordon, Sr., was born July 22, 1795, in the town of Bath, N. H., and was educated in the schools of that town. At an early age he went to Landaff with his parents, and there learned the trade of a stone-mason; during the remainder of his life he was engaged at his trade. His wife, Sarah Powers, bore him ten children: Savory, Jr., Joan, Sullivan H., Frank, Francis, Russell T., Dan P., Patience P., Sarah E., and Jane H. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations, and a communicant of the M. E. Church.

Subsequent to an elementary education obtained in the schools of Bath and Landaff, Savory Gordon, Jr., worked with his father at the stone-mason's trade, but did not continue long in that line of work, for he preferred farming as an occupation. So, turning his attention

to agricultural pursuits, he purchased a farm in the town of Landaff, where he tilled the soil with good success all of the years spent in active work. He died in July, 1893. In politics, he was a Democrat, and held the various offices of tax collector, selectman, overseer of the poor, and justice of the peace for several years; in short, he was a prominent man and much esteemed for his splendid judgment.

He was married April 14, 1846, to Margaret A. Cobleigh of Lisbon; upon her death Oct. 14, 1867, Mr. Savory was left a father of three children, viz.: Ann L., Carrie B.; Ina, the third child, preceded the mother in death; and Fannie S. In August, 1870, he married his second wife, Mary Eastman, who was born in Landaff, N. H., June 7, 1838, and was a daughter of Jesse and Priscilla (Page) Eastman. This union was blessed with three children, who were named: Henry E., Jesse H., and Dan W. Mrs. Gordon has been assistant postmaster of the village since 1878, and is a woman of noble parts, and commands the respect of all who know her. She owns a farm of 120 acres, which is devoted to general agriculture, and since her husband's death is managed by her eldest son, Henry E. Savory.

We present Mr. Gordon's portrait on another page of this book.

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EDWIN J. NORWAY, now employed as the superintendent of I. A. Willoughby's farm in Bath, N. H., was born in Newport, Vt., March 16, 1869. He is a son of William and Betsy (Skinner) Norway, the former a native of Vergennes, and the latter from Newport, Vt.

John Norway, the grandfather of our subject, was of English birth and parentage, settling upon his arrival in this country, in Vergennes, Vt., where he owned and successfully conducted a farm, until about 1866, when he sold his property in the States and removed across the border to Canada, living the rest of his life on British soil. He married a Miss Brown, who was of Irish and Scotch parentage. They reared a family of seven children, who were named: William, Martha, Maggie, Mary, Lizzie, John, and



James. In their religious attachments they were Methodists.

William W. Norway, the eldest son of the foregoing and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Ferrisburg, Vt., in 1842; the district schools of his neighborhood furnished him a good, practical education. As a man he commenced work on the C. P. R. R. and B. & M. R. R. as a foreman of a steel laying gang, at which he worked about one year. He then purchased a farm in Patton, Province of Quebec, and remained there about four years, engaged in general agricultural pursuits. About the year 1868 he moved to Newport, Vt., purchased another farm, and has followed his chosen vocation ever since. As a voter he gives his support to the Republican party, but has never had any desire to take more than a passive interest in politics. He married Betsy A., daughter of Samuel and Sarah Skinner, who were from the Province of Quebec. Three boys and two girls compose the family. They are as follows: Minnie, who is the wife of E. W. Durkee of Richford, Vt.; Edwin J., the subject of this sketch; Blanche, who married Evaid Powers of Troy, Vt., and has presented him with one child, Vera; Willie O. and Earl V. are attending school. In their religious views the family favor the M. E. Church of Newport, Vt.

Edwin J. Norway hired out as a farm hand, upon the completion of a common school education in the schools of his native town. He was first engaged in his chosen vocation in Monroe, where he remained two years; he then secured a situation as clerk in a wholesale and retail commission house of Manchester, N. H., which did business under the style of Walker Gardyne, No. 267 Pine Street. About five years was spent in the commission house, after which he returned to Newport, Vt., where he followed agricultural pursuits until September of 1896, when he came to Bath to take charge of the farm owned by A. I. Willoughby of Bath, N. H. Mr. Norway is a very capable and intelligent young man, and has a thorough and enlightened knowledge of the best methods of agriculture. He is a Republican in his political attachments. On Sept. 21, 1891, he was joined in marriage to Cora E., daughter of George G. and Lydia E. (Brailley) May of Newport, Vt. They are Baptists in respect of their religious faith.

FRED O. STEARNS, a descendant of one of the early families of the town of Lebanon and one of the largest and most prominent agriculturists in the town, was born in the house where he resides, Jan. 11, 1859. He is a man of much public spirit, identifying himself with whatever furthers the interest of his town. He has for eight years been connected with its educational interests, being a member of the school board. He is a son of Deacon Nathan B. and Justina (Chapin) Stearns, grandson of Oliver and Melinda (Barrows) Stearns, and great-grandson of Shepard and Olive (Hall) Stearns.

Shepard Stearns was born in Mansfield, Conn., and was a son of Boaz Stearns, grandson of Samuel Stearns, and great-grandson of Nathaniel Stearns, who was born in England and in 1649 came to Dedham, Mass., being admitted as freeman. Nathaniel was a prominent man of his day, and was a representative to the General Court. He married Mary Raine, and the Stearns family since have made themselves valued and prominent members of society, no matter where they were located.

Our subject's great-grandfather made his home in Mansfield, where he owned a fine farm, but died at an early age, leaving a young wife and one son, Oliver. His widow married Nathaniel Porter, who came to the town of Lebanon in 1782, among the early settlers, and bought a large tract of land, where our subject now resides. He built a small house, near the foundation of the present one, and there accumulated a fine fortune and home. Later on, in 1792, with the aid of his step-son, Oliver, he built a very large two-story house with commodious rooms and open fire-places. There both he and his wife died.

Oliver Stearns was only six years old when his mother and step-father came to Lebanon; at the age of twenty-one he returned to his native town, Mansfield, Conn., to his father's estate, which he had inherited. He married and reared a family, and when he fell heir to the farm in Lebanon he left the Mansfield farm to his oldest sons and with the remainder of the family came to Lebanon and passed the remainder of his days on the Porter homestead. He was gladly received among the citizens of Lebanon as one of their own number. He was born Feb. 5, 1776,

and returned to Lebanon in 1835, dying there in 1862. His wife, Melinda Barrows, died July 14, 1824. His children by his first wife, Lois Lathrop, who died in 1814, were: Sarah, born in 1801; Elias L., 1803; Nathaniel, 1805; Mary E., 1806; Sophia, 1808; Experience, 1811; and Samuel, 1814. He then married Melinda Barrows, who bore him the following children: Oliver L., born in 1816; Nathan B., 1819; and Melinda, 1824. He then married Lydia Hyde in 1825. She died in 1841.

Deacon Nathan B. Stearns was born in Mansfield, Conn., Oct. 22, 1819, and attended the district schools of his native town, and Meriden Academy. He stayed with his parents and cared for them in their last days; he so conscientiously adopted and followed the principles that contributed to his father's success, that he became a leader and a man of great influence in the town. He altered the interior arrangement of the old home, modernizing it in nearly every particular; he has added barns and made not a few other important improvements. He keeps thirty head of choice grade Jerseys, and has always had a flock of fine sheep. His stables contain some very valuable horses. He may well be proud of his fine farm of 250 acres; it is mostly upland, and overlooks the beautiful Connecticut Valley, the situation rendering most applicable the name of the home—"Hill Crest." Deacon Nathan B. Stearns married Louisa Gerrish, daughter of Capt. Joseph Gerrish, March 19, 1845. She died Dec. 30, 1848. May 20, 1850, he married Justina, daughter of Moses and Lydia (Hurd) Chapin, of Newport, N. H., and through her, children were born to him. She died March 10, 1869. He married Sophronia Chapin, sister of Justina, Feb. 2, 1870. She died April 8, 1871. He then married Jane, daughter of Orrin and Catherine (Weld) Hubbard, April 17, 1872. Mr. Stearns has been deacon of the Congregational Church of West Lebanon since its organization, which covers a period of over forty years. He has also been a member of the Legislature, and of the board of selectmen.

Four children have been born to our subject's parents, namely: Sophia, who married Dr. C. A. Allen, and died Dec. 19, 1888, at the age of thirty-five, leaving four children: Walter, Fred, Raymond, and Sophia; Hattie A., the second daughter, married Dr. Henry Powers of Hop-

kinton, N. H.; Fred O., our subject, who is associated with his father in managing the farm; and Arlington C., a druggist in Melrose, Mass., who married Julia McIntyre, and has two children, twins, Fred and Carleton.

Fred O. Stearns, our subject, married, June 30, 1886, Clara Smith, daughter of David and Susan (Goodwin) Smith of Stetson, Maine. She was a teacher of much success and experience. Two children have been born to them to gladden the ancestral home: Susan Gladys, born May 22, 1887; and Nathan Frederic, who perpetuates the names of grandfather and father, born Dec. 1, 1890.

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ALMUS B. SAWYER, a leading farmer and prominent citizen of Woodstock, N. H., is the son of Symmes Sawyer, and grandson of Dr. Symmes Sawyer. Dr. Symmes Sawyer lived the earlier part of his life in the town of Dunbarton, N. H.; from there he went to Carroll, remaining there a few years, after which he came to Woodstock, where he spent the remainder of his days in peace and comfort. He received his education and professional training at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H. He was engaged in the active practice of his chosen profession throughout his life. He departed this life at the age of sixty-eight. His wife was Elizabeth Hoyt; she was called to her rest when seventy years old. They gathered about them in their declining years a large family.

Their son Symmes was born in Dunbarton, and received his education in the schools of that town. He remained under the parental roof until his parents died. He was reared for agricultural pursuits, and practiced it for his life-work. He was joined in marriage to Martha P., daughter of Jonathan Fifield of Thornton. She died at the age of seventy-two. Mr. Sawyer passed away when sixty-nine years old. Their children were: William H.; Sylvester G.; Mary A. (Cross); Charles A.; Daniel H.; Almus B.; Martha E. (Gray). They were consistent members of the Baptist Church. He was a Democrat, and never lost interest in municipal affairs.

Almus B. Sawyer was born in Woodstock, Sept. 13, 1850. He obtained a practical common



school education in his native town. He has been engaged in farming on the homestead, and has been very successful. He is ranked among the most progressive and intelligent farmers of the county. He is strictly honest in all his dealings and is respected for his native worth.

In 1882 he was joined in the matrimonial bond with Sarah J., daughter of Hugh Lunnin of Boston, Mass. They have a family of four children: Isabella M., Annie L., Frank A., and Edward D. Mr. Sawyer supports the Democratic party zealously with his influence and able service. He has been town collector, and has held office as selectman for several years.

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MIRON JAMES HAZELTINE of Thornton, the chess editor of the New York Clipper, is the son of James Hazeltine, and grandson of Deacon John Hazeltine.

Deacon John Hazeltine was born in Concord, N. H. He was the son of James Hazeltine, and grandson of Richard Hazeltine, who came from Bradford, Mass., to Concord, and there reared his family and passed his declining years. James, his son, was born and brought up in Concord. His residence was in Rumney, N. H., when he died. Deacon John Hazeltine, the son of the preceding and grandfather of our subject, went to Rumney with his parents, and there he was educated and spent the remainder of his life. He was an agriculturist, and managed a large, finely improved farm. He was a devout Christian, and served as deacon of the Baptist Church for over fifty years. He was a thoroughly good citizen, and made his influence felt in town affairs. He married Hannah Ayer. Both lived to a good old age, Mr. Hazeltine being ninety-three years old at the time of his death, his wife passing away a few years his junior. Their family was made up of: Amos, James, John, Priscilla (Harris), Nancy (Ramsey), Mary (Harris), and Martha.

Martha, youngest daughter of Deacon John Hazeltine, was a learned and accomplished lady, for several years principal of the celebrated Female Seminary at New Hampton, N. H. She married a Prof. Smith of Brown University, R. I., surviving that event but a short time. In the

rosters of the military expeditions, during the troublous times of the French and Indian War, the names of the members of this family constantly appear.

James Hazeltine, the second son, and father of the subject of this notice, was born in Rumney. James was reared and educated to the pursuit of agriculture. He married Lydia, daughter of Thomas Stevens of Rumney. They were the parents of two children: Miron J.; and Lydia A., who married David P. Walker of North Dunbarton, N. H., and has borne him a family of three children, consisting of: Miron D. (deceased); Walter C.; and Milton J. Mr. Hazeltine died at the age of twenty-six. His widow married as her second husband Morrill Currier, Esq., of Wilmot, N. H.; she departed this life at the age of seventy-two. Mr. Currier lived to the ripe old age of ninety-three.

Miron J. Hazeltine was born in Rumney, Nov. 13, 1824. After his father's death his mother moved to Lowell, Mass. At that place Miron received his rudimental education and fitted for college, entering Amherst in 1847. Unfortunately he was not permitted to enjoy the benefits of a complete college education, for he met with a serious accident in his sophomore year that compelled him to leave school.

After having sufficiently recovered so as to be able to stand mental strain, he took up the study of law, and followed it as closely as his health would permit for four years, in the city of Lowell. After that he went to New York City as principal of a select classical school. In 1862, after about ten years of service, he closed the school, and came to Thornton, where he purchased a small farm, now known as "The Larches." He has made this place his home ever since.

He was married, in 1853, to Hannah M., daughter of Asa Bryant, who was a second cousin of the great American poet, William Cullen Bryant. She was born in New Boston, N. H. Her mother was Mehitabel Snow of Easton, Mass. Mrs. Hazeltine's father died at the age of sixty-nine; her mother fell into that last sleep that knows no mortal waking at the age of seventy-two. There were seven children in the Bryant family: James C.; Caroline C. (Drake); Cyrus P.; Mary T. (Packard); Deborah G. (Foss); George N.; and Hannah M. (Hazeltine).



Mrs. Hazeltine is a graceful and accomplished poetess. Her preserved pieces would fill two octavo volumes, most of which have been widely copied here with flattering praise, and several in England. "The Triumph of Prometheus," the joint production of herself and husband, occupies one and one-half hours in reading. In 1876 she won a \$25.00 prize in gold, given by the Hartford Times for a chess poem, having twelve competitors; subject "The Final Mate."

Mr. and Mrs. Miron J. Hazeltine have become the parents of seven children: Miron W., who married Annie Ferrin, and has a family of two girls, Fanny G. and Esther; James B., died at the age of eight; Fanny only lived two years; Robert E. L.; Theodora E.; Alice M. married M. J. Gilman of Franconia, N. H.; and Louis P.

Mr. Hazeltine has been a hard student throughout his whole life, and is a finished scholar in the dead languages. He has translated into a new metrical version the entire Anacreon. He is also well-grounded in the science of astronomy. He has an exceptionally good memory, which is shown by his knowledge of the relative positions of all the visible stars, and by his ability to call each star by its proper name.

While at Amherst College he became interested in the game of Chess and, finding it worthy of study as a most scientific game, has devoted especial attention to it. His reputation as a chess expert, as one versed in all the intricacies of the game, is more than national; it is world-wide. He has been chess editor of the New York Clipper since August, 1856. His editorials are read in all parts of the globe, and are translated into a variety of languages. He is an apt scholar, and an author of no mean ability. His poems, when printed, will fill a volume worthy a place in any library.

Mr. Hazeltine has the distinguished honor of continuing in the capacity of chess editor longer than any other man. He is the oldest editor of his special line in the world. An interesting fact, which shows his faithfulness throughout his life, is that he has never failed to perform his work, even for a single week, during the whole of that protracted period.

If Mr. Hazeltine lives to October, 1897, he can celebrate his semi-centennial as a member of the College Greek Fraternity, Delta Upsilon.

Upon the publication, in January, 1894, of the initial number of Volume XIV. of the British Chess Magazine, Mr. Hazeltine's likeness appeared as the frontispiece, accompanied by a neatly written personal sketch.

He has a private library, which contains 650 volumes treating upon the subject of chess, 100 classical books, and about 1,000 books of a miscellaneous nature, many of them rare and valuable.

He has an extensive correspondence, and his word, upon subjects which he treats, is law.

He is a Democrat in his political principles, and holds commissions as justice of the peace and notary public for the State of New Hampshire.

The first wife of the celebrated Adoniram Judson, D. D., was Ann, daughter of Mr. John Hazeltine (sic), born in Bradford, Mass., Dec. 22, 1782; married Feb. 5, 1812, and immediately sailed for Burmah, where she died in October, 1826. A full account of her "Life" was published in 1853.

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WILLIAM KENDALL, a highly respected and prosperous farmer and retired lumber dealer of Benton, N. H., was born April 16, 1835, in the town of Winchester, N. H.

His great-grandfather was of English origin, and came to this country early in the history of the New England Colonies. Isaac Kendall, grandfather of William, was born in Massachusetts, and was a soldier in the Continental Army in the War for Independence. He reared a family of eight children.

George W. Kendall, son of the preceding, was born in North Brattleboro, Vt., Nov. 22, 1799; he died in Martin Co., Minn., Nov. 14, 1871, aged seventy-two years. He was a successful farmer, and followed that vocation throughout his life. He was united in marriage to Electa Cowin, a native of Chesterfield, Mass. Fifteen children were the fruit of this union, of whom twelve reached maturity: Dwight; Charles; Geo. S.; James; Lucy; William, the subject of this sketch; Isaac; Cynthia M.; Elvira; Mary; Arthur; and Job. The devoted wife and mother went to her rest May 29, 1861, aged sixty years.

George W. Kendall was an enthusiastic admirer of Andrew Jackson, and Jackson's Democratic principles; although quite active in politics, he never sought for nor held office. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Baptist Church.

William Kendall obtained his early educational training in the public schools of his district. At the age of fifteen he learned the shoemaker's trade. Then for five years he worked on a farm in Franconia, N. H. As might be expected of any ambitious youth, Mr. Kendall did not find his work profitable enough to suit him. So he removed to New York City, where he worked for the firm of Winch & Spooner in the ice business for six years. At the end of that period he embarked in the ice business on his own account, and found it very profitable. At length the war broke out, and, fearing its effects on his business, he sold out and went to New Orleans, where he took the management of a plantation. He remained in charge during the war, and superintended the entire business of raising sugar-cane and cotton, and also the getting out lumber from the primeval forests.

When he returned north he engaged in the mercantile business at Beverly, Mass., but not liking that line of work, he resumed his former occupation as a dealer in lumber in East Landaff (now Easton), where he remained twenty-two years in partnership with D. J. Whitcher. The business was done under the name of Whitcher & Kendall. During that time they did a thriving business; they sold out in 1893 to the Fall River Paper Co. at a handsome figure. Our subject at once purchased his present well-improved and valuable farm of thirty-five acres where he has lived since. He is an unyielding Republican, and has occupied posts of honor at the disposal of his fellow-citizens; he has served as selectman and as road agent; and in 1897 was elected to the Legislature from the town of Benton, but he does not aspire to public office. However, he believes that a person should faithfully perform whatever duties the people trust to them.

Mr. Kendall has the happy faculty of making things succeed to which he puts his attention and energy. His business life has been marked by numerous successful ventures that were due to his own superior qualifications. He has made

many friends, and they unite in praising his methodical business habits and his strict integrity.

On Feb. 10, 1869, he was joined in wedlock to Betsy S., daughter of Samuel and Emily (Quimby) Whitcher of East Landaff (now Easton). They have no children. Mr. Kendall and wife are regular attendants of the M. E. Church, of which his wife is an active member. He is a Mason, and belongs to Kane Lodge, No. 64, of Lisbon, N. H., and of Franklin Chapter of the same town.

HENRY G. BILLINGS of Lebanon, N. H., is a dealer in marble and granite monumental work, and the proprietor of a livery and boarding-stable; he was born in Windsor, Vt., May 7, 1840. His parents were Darwin G. and Orphia (Smith) Billings. The father having thoroughly mastered the trade of polishing and marking tombstones, settled down in business for himself at Windsor, Vt., where he built up a large and successful trade, becoming well known over an extensive territory for the superiority of material used and excellency of workmanship. He accumulated a comfortable fortune, and was honored by his townsmen with public office. In 1890, at the age of eighty years, having been in active business until within four years of his death, he passed away, leaving a widow and five children, the fourth of whom, Henry G., is the subject of this sketch. Henry finished his education in the High School of Windsor, Vt., and at the age of twenty entered the Armory to work. During the Civil War he was appointed inspector of arms. At the close of the war he engaged in the livery business at Windsor for a short time, but gave it up to enter the service of the Sixth Avenue Street R. R. of New York City. Later he made his home in Union Village, Vt., and for several years carried on a flourishing lumber and marble business.

On May 1, 1876, Mr. Billings made a start in the livery and marble business at Lebanon, N. H., where he met with misfortune in the great fire of 1887. But rallying with pluck and energy he purchased what was known as the Blodgett property, and set out once more in the livery







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business. The marble trade has grown and prospered. In 1896 he built a two-story building, the lower story of which he utilizes for sample rooms, and for the working of marble; the upper story he rents to the Granite State Free Press and the H. E. Waite Printing Co. He owns a pleasant home on Elm Street, which he has remodeled and provided with modern conveniences.

Mr. Billings is a steadfast Republican, and has served his town as tax collector for eleven years. He is a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M.

Mr. Billings married Miss Belle M. Russell, daughter of Eben H. Russell of Windsor, Vt. In 1890 Mrs. Billings died at the age of forty-seven. Six children were born to them: Gracie; Fanny (Mrs. Samuel Bean); George, who died at an early age; Atherton, who is a traveling salesman for the McCormick Harvesting Co. of Indianapolis, Ind.; Helen, who graduated from the Lebanon High School in 1896; and Harry, who is a student in Phillips' Academy at Andover, Mass.

**COL. F. C. CHURCHILL.** A group of the prominent men of Lebanon would be decidedly incomplete without the addition of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch and whose portrait is shown on the opposite page. He is the treasurer of the Carter & Churchill Co., extensive manufacturers of shirts, coats, overalls, and other goods of a kindred nature. Outside of his business he has taken a very active and intelligent interest in the material progress of Lebanon, and this has made him most popular in all the trade circles. He is one of the directors of the Lebanon National Bank, and is trustee of the Lebanon Savings Bank. He is also one of the directors of the Lebanon Electric Light & Power Co.

He was born at West Fairlee, Vt., Aug. 2, 1850, and is a son of Benjamin P. and Susanna (Thompson) Churchill, grandson of Capt. William L. and Eliza (Lanphear) Churchill, and a great-grandson of Francis and Phoebe (Leather) Churchill. Francis Churchill was born in Plymouth, Mass., June 1, 1762, and was a descend-

ant of a long line of Puritan ancestors. The line runs back through Jonathan, Eleazar, Eleazar, Sr., to John Churchill, the first representative of the family in the New World; he came from England and settled in Plymouth, Mass., in 1644. Francis Churchill, the great-grandparent of our subject, was a carpenter by occupation and served in the War of the Revolution by assisting in the coast defense of Plymouth.

The former's son, William L., was born March 22, 1787, and emigrated from his native place to West Fairlee, Vt., where he made a settlement as one of the pioneers of that region. He had learned the carpenter's trade and followed it all his life in connection with the work incident to the occupation and cultivation of a farm. The house, which he built at that time on his property, is still in good condition and is owned by Francis V. Churchill at the present time. He served in the State militia, holding a commission as captain. His death took place at about the age of seventy; his wife also departed this life at about the same age; she was born in Norwich, Conn. The home circle was made up of the following children: William L., Jr., Austin F., Chauncey C., Eliza J., Benjamin P., and Francis V., who is the only one surviving to-day.

Our subject's father, Benjamin P. Churchill, was reared on the farm and attended the district school of his neighborhood; being naturally bright and studious, he made a good record, and after the completion of his education taught school several terms. He later on learned the carpenter's trade, making his home on a farm adjoining the old homestead, dying there at the age of forty-two; he was born Sept. 2, 1822. Like his father before him, he was a strong Abolitionist and Republican; he was well known in the State, and was very popular. Many estates were settled by him, such was his reputation for strict probity and conscientiousness. He was a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife was a daughter of Alexander and Matilda R. Thompson; she still survives him. Three children were born to them, as follows: Frank C., William A., and Edward, who died when an infant.

Col. Frank C. Churchill obtained his schooling in the public schools of West Fairlee and in Thetford Academy, Vt., afterwards teaching

school for a time as an excellent discipline of his powers that would stand him in good stead in business life. His first step into the world of trade was as a clerk at Lyme for D. C. Churchill & Co., for a period of two years; this was the training he had in the role of a salesman. In 1870 he came to Lebanon as bookkeeper and general manager for the H. W. Carter Wholesale House of Notions. In 1877, under the firm name of Carter & Churchill, they enlarged the business by entering upon the manufacture of garments in their factory on Mascoma Street; this enterprise continued for two years, Col. Churchill acting the while as salesman. They then purchased the old Catholic Church on Parkhurst Street and remodeled and enlarged it into a factory for the manufacture of shirts, coats, overalls, etc., both in work and in sporting garments. In 1886, finding themselves cramped for lack of room, they bought the Gerrish warehouse, altered it in plan considerably, put in new machinery, introduced steam power, and transferred their manufacturing interests to it, using the old factory for storage. To-day they have one of the largest and finest plants of its kind in the State, running some seventy-five machines and employing over 100 hands. Their product find a ready sale, both in the State and abroad throughout the nation, having a reputation of being made on honor; orders are received from California and Florida, and from all the populous States lying between.

In his political views Col. Churchill is a Republican and an active worker in the interests of that party; he served two years as chairman of the State Republican Committee; he was a member of the Executive Council of Gov. D. H. Goodell in 1890 and 1891; he was a delegate to Minneapolis in the convention which nominated for the Presidency ex-President Benjamin Harrison. He was a member of Gov. Nathaniel Head's staff in 1878-79.

Socially, he is president of the Langdon Club; a member of the Franklin Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M.; St. Andrews Chapter, No. 10; Washington Council; and Mt. Horeb Commandery, K. T.; and of the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the executive committee of the Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M. He belongs to the Amos Keag Veterans; New Hampshire Veterans' Association; and was secretary of the commission to

build the John Stark monument in the State House Park, Concord, N. H.

Col. Churchill married Clara G. Turner, daughter of Francis H. and Sarah (Perkins) Corser, and adopted daughter of George and Abbie Turner, in 1874. In 1892 he built a handsome home near the park; he also owns several houses which he rents. He was chairman of the building committee to erect the Memorial Hall; in 1892 he presented a handsome statue, which has graced the lawn adjoining the hall since.

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HERBERT W. LITTLE, yard conductor of the B. & M. R. R., residing in Woodsville, N. H., was born in Bath, N. H., June 7, 1871; he is a son of Warren and Luella Elizabeth (Little) Little, who, though of the same name, were not related. His grandfather was David Little, a farmer, who was born and reared in Lyman, the son of David Little, Sr. Clarissa Amy was a daughter of Herman Amy, who married a Miss Amy, a daughter of Abraham Amy. Elizabeth Little, the mother of our subject, was born in Lisbon, and is a daughter of John Little. Warren Little is a trackman in the service of the railroad; to him and his wife were born two children: Herbert W. and Mabel Inez.

Our subject went to the Bath, Lisbon, and Woodsville schools until he was fifteen years old, and since the age of sixteen years has supported himself. He first worked with the trackmen of the railroad for a short time; in the early spring of 1887 he began work in the coal shed of the railroad company, and on April 2, became a brakeman, which position he held for four years and a half. In October, 1892, he was promoted to the post of conductor, with his work mostly confined to the Woodsville yards.

He was married, Dec. 21, 1887, in North Haverhill to Mattie M. Morse, who was born in Lancaster, N. H., daughter of Horace F. and Mattie (Perkins) Morse. Horace F. Morse, a veteran of the late war, serving in the 2nd Reg. of Sharpshooters, was born in Lisbon in 1838, and died Jan. 27, 1896; he was engaged in lumbering most of his life. Horace F. Morse was a son of Leonard Morse, and a grandson of Obadiah Morse; Leonard Morse, who was killed at the age of



sixty, had a brother Elisha, who lived to be 104 years old, dying in California, and leaving a fortune of \$4,000,000.00. Leonard Morse's wife was Lydia Walker, who was a daughter of Leonard Walker, who married Sallie Corey, who was a daughter of Ephraim and Sallie (Stevens) Corey. Mattie Perkins, the wife of Horace F. Morse, was a daughter of Thomas Perkins, born Nov. 25, 1804, and died July 20, 1871, and Martha Spaulding, born Sept. 30, 1808, and died Nov. 14, 1886. The latter was a daughter of Daniel and Martha (Curtis) Spaulding, who were among the first settlers of Lancaster. Martha Spaulding was born in Northumberland, a direct descendant of the once famous Hannah Dustin; her father's parents were the first to settle in Northumberland.

Our subject and his wife are regular attendants of the M. E. Church, in the charitable work of which Mrs. Little takes a prominent part. Mr. Little belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Mt. Gardener Lodge, No. 55. He is also a member of I. O. F. Court, Woodsville, No. 692; and is senior woodard of the lodge. Politically he is a Democrat in every respect, and never fails to express his preference in the elections.

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CHARLES H. HARDY, a farmer and lumberman of the town of Haverhill, was born in the same town the 29th day of October, 1850. He is a son of Abraham and Nancy (Bailey) Hardy, and grandson of Joseph and Lucy (Jeffers) Hardy. Joseph Hardy was a farmer by occupation. His son, Abraham Hardy, was born in Haverhill, and resides now in Plymouth; he was sixty-nine years at his birthday in February, 1897. He followed farming and lumbering, and was for twelve years a boss in the bridge and building department of the railroad. In politics he ever associated himself with the Democratic party, and served in various positions of the town, such as selectman, road surveyor, etc. His wife, a daughter of John and Ann (Ladd) Bailey, was born in Alexandria; her father was a farmer, and a veteran of the Revolution. Three girls and one boy were born to Abraham Hardy and his good wife; they were as follows: Charles H.; Lucy A., who married Albert Kenniston of Plymouth; Anna D., deceased; and Ida J., whose

first husband was Will Jesseman, the second Dudley D. Poiting, and the third Joseph Sanburn, with whom she lives at present in Plymouth. By a second marriage, one more son, Forest A., who lives at Plymouth, was born to our subject's father.

Charles H. Hardy managed to acquire a fair education in the district schools of Warren, West Rumney, Plymouth, and Dorchester, in which places his father resided at various periods in our subject's boyhood. He began life for himself at the age of sixteen, working on farms and driving a four-ox team at that time; whenever an opportunity offered of going to school, he never failed to grasp it, and in this way prolonged his school days to the age of nineteen. At the time of his marriage, in 1872, he bought a farm in Dorchester, where he remained two years, selling his property at the end of that period and removing thence to Warren Summit, where he made his home for five years, two of which years were spent in tilling a farm he hired, one year in working on the railroad, and two in the woods lumbering. From the Summit he went to Landaff, where he worked in a saw-mill and as a lumberman for a year and a half. His next residence was in Benton, where he lived two years, renting and cultivating a farm in the summer time and lumbering and driving a team at Wildwood in the winter. His present farm he bought in December, 1885; it consists of 160 acres, all of which is in a very good state of cultivation, and demonstrates a thrifty and progressive owner. Each winter he runs from three to four teams in his lumbering business.

In Dorchester, Sept. 27, 1872, he linked his fortunes in marriage with those of Ellen M. Hobbs, who was born in Wentworth; she is a daughter of Carey and Sarah (Crockett) Hobbs, and granddaughter on her father's side of Joshua and Lois (Putney) Hobbs, and granddaughter on her mother's side of Chase and Hannah (Towle) Crockett. Carey Hobbs, a farmer, in the late war was a private of Co. K., 12th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., and lost his life in the great struggle between the blue and the gray at Gettysburg, Pa. One son, Harvey Almando, born Dec. 20, 1873, is the sole issue of the union of our subject and his wife. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served the town in the capacity of road surveyor.

HON. NORMAN G. SMITH, a prosperous farmer of the town of Alexandria, and one of the leading citizens of the town and county, was born in Brunswick, Vt., Oct. 25, 1829, and is a son of Daniel and Nancy (Smith) Smith, and grandson of Gideon and Elizabeth (Amy) Smith.

Our subject's grandfather, a native of the Granite State, followed the occupation of a farmer in Stratford, N. H., all his life. He had eight children: Daniel, Arnold, Thomas, Gideon, Isaac, Phebe, Eliza, and Nancy. They were Methodists in religious belief.

Daniel Smith was educated in the district schools of his native town, and learned the trade of framing buildings, and was then commonly known as a framer, and did nothing but frame and put together large buildings. He was an excellent mechanic, and was among the best workmen of his craft. He was a Democrat in politics and held the office of selectman, and represented the town of Brunswick in the Vermont State Legislature; he was also town clerk and treasurer several years, and justice of the peace, and held a very prominent and important place in the town, where he lived. His wife, Nancy, a daughter of Jonathan Smith of Stratford, N. H., bore him five children: Damon J., Daniel M., Judith A., Norman G., and Julia A. The family were attendants of the M. E. Church.

Norman G. Smith for three years of his early life worked in a whalebone factory, and there learned the trade of hoop-skirt making. He then edited the Coos Democrat and Northern Press, a paper printed in North Stratford, N. H., which venture did not prove very successful. After leaving the paper, he moved to Littleton, N. H., and there engaged in the general mercantile business, and remained about eighteen years, being highly successful in that branch of industry. He then purchased a farm in Alexandria, N. H., and about 1887 moved to his present home, a beautiful farm of 200 acres, with good, substantial out-buildings, which he has placed in excellent condition and order; the farm is supplied with the best of water. It is adapted to general farming operations, and admirably situated, being about one mile and a half from Alexandria village, and about three miles and a half from Bristol. Our subject is a Democrat, and when a resident of Coos Co. was deputy sheriff for three years; in Littleton he held the

office of road surveyor for the village district five years, spending during that period on the highways \$20,000.00. He was selectman, tax collector, and the occupant of several other offices when a resident of Brunswick, Vt. In Grafton Co. he has held the office of justice of the peace twenty years, and still holds the office, and represented the town of Alexandria in 1895-96 in the legislative halls of Concord, N. H. He has also been a member of the Democratic State Committee four years. He is well-read, possessed of a good judgment, and altogether a man of more than ordinary intelligence and ability.

In 1884 he married Mrs. C. E. Pond of Natick, Mass. In religious belief he favors the Methodist doctrines.

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GEORGE H. FOWLER, who is engaged in carrying on a highly remunerative and successful drug business in Bristol, N. H., was born in that town, March 5, 1846. He is a son of Dr. Hadley B. and Caroline (Smith) Fowler, and grandson of Blake and Rith (Sleeper) Fowler.

Our subject's grandfather was a native of New Hampshire, and was engaged in farming all his life in the town of Bristol. He was a Republican, but never aspired to an office of any kind. In the late Civil War he was commissioned captain, and, with his son, Dr. Hadley B., who was surgeon, and George H., the subject of this sketch, who was assistant surgeon for his father, served in the same regiment at one time, making the rather exceptional record of three generations in the service. Three children were born to him: David, Hadley, and Hial. They were Methodists in religious belief. Socially he was a member of the I. O. O. F., Cardigan Lodge, No. 38, of Bristol.

Dr. Hadley B. Fowler was educated in the district school and academy of his native town, and after completing his education taught several years of school in New Hampshire, during which time he also studied medicine, and later entered the Medical Department of Dartmouth College at Hanover, and graduated from that institution. He first located at Alexandria, N. H., where he remained six years, and then moved to Bristol, where he practiced his profession until the com-



ment of the late war, when he received the commission of surgeon, and was the only surgeon that enlisted in the service who remained until the close of the war, this being the only case on record. After returning home he resumed his practice in Bristol, where he remained the rest of his life, engaged in his professional duties, and was considered a very skillful surgeon, and his services, because of his wide experience in army life, were much in demand throughout the country. In politics he was a Democrat. Socially he was a member of the Cardigan Lodge, No. 38, I. O. O. F., of Bristol, N. H. He married Caroline Smith; and to Mr. and Mrs. Fowler were born three children: George H., subject of this sketch; Charles E., deceased; and Edgar O., deceased, who like his father was also a physician and surgeon, besides practicing dentistry. They were members of the Congregational Church.

George H. Fowler, when a young man, engaged in the drug business in Bristol, which he carried on all his life there, with the exception of two years, when he was assisting his father as surgeon in the late war. He is a Republican, and has held the office of deputy sheriff. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias organization, Bristol Lodge, No. 64, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F., Cardigan Lodge, No. 38.

In 1872 he married Ora Rollins, daughter of Samuel H. Rollins of Bristol. George E., their only child, was born Oct. 19, 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler are both members and active workers of the Baptist Church of Bristol, N. H.

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HON. THOMAS HAMMOND, who is engaged in farming near New Found Lake in the town of Bridgewater, was born in Dunbarton, N. H., Sept. 6, 1814. The family in America originated from three brothers, who came from England. One of these, the grandfather of Thomas Hammond the first, received a grant for the entire town of Rowley, Mass., and left it to his eldest son at his death.

Thomas Hammond (1) was born in Rowley, Mass., in 1744, and died in 1827, aged eighty-three years. When a young man he worked at pump-making, at which he became an experi-

enced workman, but in later life followed the pursuits of agriculture. He enlisted in the Revolutionary Army for a short term of service, but was taken ill and his brother, David, filled out the balance of his term. He married Esther Dole of Rowley. After her husband died she received a pension for his services to the Government. They were married by Judge Wingate, who at the age of ninety-eight was able to testify to their marriage and secure for her the pension.

Thomas Hammond (2), our subject's father, was born in Dunbarton, N. H., Feb. 22, 1780, and died March 8, 1843. When he was seven years old he witnessed his father's house and barn destroyed by a cyclone. The barn containing their entire crop of rye, all they had for food, was carried away with its contents. Until another crop could be harvested, the family were parceled out among the neighbors and supported by them. The father burned the flesh off his fingers digging out the hot bricks from the chimney, which had fallen and buried one of the children. The child was saved alive and unharmed. Our subject's father was a farmer throughout the greater part of his life. He also learned the trade of pump-making from his father. He was a member of the Congregational Church. In politics he was a Federalist, later a Free-Soiler, and finally a Whig. He married Hannah Burnham, who was born in 1785, and to them were born seven children: Annie, who died young; Eliza; Thomas; Burnham; Henry, who died in infancy; Mary; and Henry G.

Our subject passed his earlier years in Dunbarton, N. H., his native place, until his marriage, Dec. 24, 1839, to Esther Hammond, daughter of Nathan and Mary (Noyce) Hammond. Two children were born to them: Melissa; and Nathan, both now deceased. He was married a second time April 16, 1846, to Sarah Hammond, sister of his first wife. He was married a third time at Bristol, Jan. 23, 1894, to Mrs. Helen S. Martindale, widow of Chester W. Martindale, and daughter of Stephen and Polly (Towle) Abbott. Of her first marriage, Mrs. Hammond had one son, Merrill G. Martindale, a clothing merchant and also a notary public of Spokane, Washington. He married Grace Campbell of Miles City, Mont. Mrs. Hammond prior to her last marriage crossed the continent three times. Our subject and wife attend the



Congregational Church. In his politics he is a Republican. He represented the town in 1861-62, was a selectman in 1857-58-59-76-77, and held the office of moderator a number of times.

Mr. Hammond bought his present farm the time of his first marriage. The farm consists of 260 acres, with seventy-five acres additional in back pasture. He carried on general farming, and makes large quantities of butter and cheese. Among the agriculturists of the town he occupies an eminent position, and has been of good service in the advancement and growth of Bridge-water.

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FRANK L. MOORE, manager for the Northern Supply Co., at Woodsville, N. H., was born at Alexandria, Grafton Co., N. H., May 1, 1856. He is a son of Russell and Abigail (Jenness) Moore, and grandson of Nathan and Sally (Crosby) Moore. Nathan Moore was a veteran of the War of 1812, and a patriot in the War of the Revolution. He died at Canterbury, N. H., at the advanced age of ninety years.

Our subject's father was born at Hebron, N. H., Sept. 22, 1827; after reaching his majority he went to Bristol, and worked on a farm in that town a short time, and then went to Groton, N. H., where he continued in farm labor for some time. From there he went to Natick, Mass., where he worked in a shoe factory ten years and then moved to Alexandria and engaged in the manufacture of carriages and sleighs; he carried on this business very successfully for fifteen years, and then sold out, and changed his residence to St. Johnsbury, Vt., where he worked ten years in the Fairbanks Scale Works. His next business venture was at Wells River, Vt., where he bought the Wells River Mill, and conducted it six years. He then sold the mill and opened a store for the sale of flour, feed, lime, hair, cement, coal, wood, and ice; after continuing in that business for nine years he sold out to the Northern Supply Co. his whole trade, except the ice business, in which he is still engaged. Mr. Moore served in the late war as a member of the 12th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf.

Frank L. Moore attended the common schools of Alexandria until seventeen years of age, and then spent three years in St. Johnsbury Acad-

emy. From there he went to Manchester, N. H., and took a six months' course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College at that place, finishing his education when he was twenty-one. His first employment was in a mill his father had bought at Wells River; the mill was sold after six years of operation by our subject and his father. Mr. Moore then went to Concord and clerked for A. P. Woodworth six months; the stock consisted of grain, flour, and groceries. In December of 1885 he bought the flour and feed business of Langdon Bailey and the building of George Clough of Concord, and conducted the same until he sold out to the Northern Supply Co., in which he was retained as resident manager of the Woodsville store.

Mr. Moore was married Oct. 20, 1880, at Wells River to Miss Kate J. Buchanan, a daughter of William G. and Helen (White) Buchanan. Mrs. Moore died June 14, 1886, mourned by a large circle of friends, who had learned to appreciate her excellent qualities. Mr. Moore is a member of the Temple Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F., of Wells River. In politics he is a firm Republican. He adheres to the doctrines and church government of the Free Will Baptist Church.

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GEORGE E. NUTTING, deceased, a carpenter and builder of Woodsville, Grafton Co., N. H., was born Feb. 21, 1826, in Groton, Mass., and is a son of Joel and Esther (Lawrence) Nutting. Our subject's grandfather was of English extraction, and settled in Groton; securing land, he passed his days in tilling the soil.

Joel Nutting, the father of our subject, was born in Groton, in 1803, and received his education in the private schools of his native town, which were all the educational facilities offered there at that period. After reaching maturity he learned the wheelwright's trade, which he followed steadily and with profit during the active period of his life. In politics he was a Republican, but never cared for a prominent place in public life. In such matters as did not require so much self-assertiveness, he took an active interest. He was retiring in his manners, seeming reserved to those but slightly acquainted with him, but to his friends he was ever a pleasant





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companion and wise counselor. He married, in 1825, Esther Lawrence, who bore him nine children, of whom but two now survive: Keziah (Carr) of Hudson, Mass., and Joel of Ware, Mass. The other children, now deceased, were: William S.; Emeline; Augustus; Sophia; Julia; Mary; and George E., the subject of this sketch. The father died in June, 1854, the mother surviving till October of 1884. In point of religious sympathies they were Unitarians.

George E. Nutting was educated in his native town of Groton, and at the age of twenty he secured employment as a helper on the Passumpsic River and Boston & Maine railroads. He was also employed on the Central Vermont R. R. He finally left that position and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed the rest of his years. Like his father before him, he was an adherent of the principles advocated by the Republican party.

On May 8, 1850, he was married to Nancy B. Burnham, a daughter of Asa and Betsey (Wilson) Burnham of Waterford, Vt. Asa Burnham was a carpenter and builder, and was very prominent in all public affairs of his community. He moved from Waterford, Vt., in 1869, to Woodsville, N. H., where he remained till his death, which took place in 1887. His wife died in 1877. Of the nine children born to them, but three remain: Nancy, Tryphena, and George. Those deceased are: Justus, Isabel, Silas, Abner M., David, and Jonathan. Both parents were honored members of the Free Will Baptist Church. Our subject and his wife have been blessed with five children, four of whom have been spared them: Charles G., S. Eugene, William S., and David B. Mary Isabel is no longer living. Mr. George E. Nutting passed to the bright world beyond, promised to those of exemplary life, on the 2nd of April, 1891, aged sixty-five years. In his religious views he was liberal.

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MOSES P. BEMIS, who is successfully engaged in dairy farming in the town of Haverhill, was born in the neighboring town of Lisbon, Aug. 30, 1841. He is a son of Lyman and Ann (Coon) Bemis, and a grandson of Reuben Bemis, a soldier of the Revolution. The first representatives of the Bemis family in America came to

this country in the latter part of the 17th Century, about the year 1680; two of them settled in Vermont and the other took up his residence in Massachusetts.

Lyman Bemis was born in Springfield, Vt., March 13, 1803, and received his education in his native place. When twenty years old he came to Haverhill, and a few years later went to Lisbon, where he was married. In 1846 or '47 he moved to Littleton, where he engaged in the honorable pursuits of agriculture until 1864, when he lost his second wife, and from that time to the date of his death in 1878 he made his home with Moses P. Bemis and his brother in Benton. He enlisted in the War of 1812. His second wife was Betsey Little of the town of Lyman. His first wife, the mother of our subject, Ann Coon, was a daughter of George and Polly (Belknap) Coon, the former from France and the latter from Scotland. George Coon, a farmer in later life, was a machinist by trade when he came to the United States at the age of eighteen. Lyman Bemis reared the following family of children, born to him by his first wife: Reuben, John, George, Martha, Lyman, Jr., who served in the 10th Reg. Vt. Vol. Inf. in the late Rebellion; and Moses P. All of the family have gone to their long home with the exception of our subject.

Moses P. Bemis lived the first six years of his life in Lisbon, and the rest of his youth up to the outbreak of the war in Littleton; he attended the district schools of West Littleton, and took one winter term's schooling in both Concord, Vt., and in Benton, N. H., finishing his education at the age of seventeen. When twelve years of age he began earning his own living, working first for Clark Hastings for two years, being employed chiefly in the saw-mill. After that time up to the date of his enlistment, his lot was cast in various parts of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Nov. 7, 1861, he enlisted in Co. B., 6th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., and served throughout the entire four years of the war, being mustered out at Alexandria, Va., July 17, 1865, and receiving his honorable discharge at Concord, N. H., Aug. 1, 1865. He served one year as private, then as corporal a few months, and as second sergeant until June 1, 1865, when he was commissioned second lieutenant of Co. G., 6th Reg. N. H. Vol.

Inf. In all he took part in twenty-two engagements, as follows: Camden, N. C.; Second Bull Run, Va.; Chantilly, Va.; South Mountain, Md.; Antietam, Md.; Fredericksburg, Va.; Vicksburg, Miss.; Jackson, Miss.; Wilderness, Va.; the two battles at Spottsylvania Court House; North Anna; Tolopotomy, Va.; Bethesda Church, Va.; Cold Harbor, Va.; the three engagements at Petersburg and the Mine; Weldon River, Va.; Poplar Springs Church, Va.; Hatcher's Run, Va.; and Petersburg, Va. He was wounded in the head at Petersburg at the explosion of the mine by a piece of a shell and was laid up in the hospital for two months.

On his return from the front he went into the lumbering business in Benton with his brother, and owned several hundred acres of timber land and a saw-mill. In 1868 he sold his interest in the concern to his brother and moved to North Haverhill, where he rented a small farm for three years. He then bought a 125-acre farm near Black Mountain and lived there four years, having rented it to a tenant the year previous to his own occupancy; having sold this property, he bought a seventy-five-acre farm near East Haverhill and lived there four years. In 1886 he sold the farm near East Haverhill and bought his present farm of 230 acres, of which sixty acres are under cultivation, twenty-five acres in woods, and the remainder in pasture. The milk product from his selected herd of twenty-five cows he sells to the North Haverhill Creamery.

On Nov. 26, 1865, at Benton, he led to the altar of Hymen Miss Ann Hutchins, and there they took upon themselves the sacred obligations of the marriage bond. Mrs. Bemis was born Oct. 22, 1848, and died July 29, 1891; she was the daughter of Joseph and Susan (Brown) Hutchins. Two children were born to our subject and his wife: Eugene W. and Lillian B. Eugene W. married Susan Blake of Mackandoo Falls, Vt., the daughter of Lucien Blake of that town. Three children have been born to them: Holan M., Josie B., and one who died unnamed. Lillian B. Bemis married Albert C. Hall of North Haverhill, engaged in cutting stone in the stone sheds of that place. To them were born three children: Earl C., Claude E., deceased; and Darroll. Our subject and his wife are both regular attendants of the Universalist Church of Center Haverhill. He is a member of Moose-

hillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F., of Woodsville; Canton Albin of Woodsville; also Encampment No. 34 of Lisbon; and Rebecca Lodge, No. 45, of Woodsville. He belongs to the G. A. R., Nat. Westgate Post, No. 50, of North Haverhill. He is also a member of Pink Granite Grange, No. 210, and also belongs to the organization of the Knights of Honor. He is a Republican and has held the office of road surveyor several terms.

As a representative farmer of the County of Grafton, and as a man in every way worthy of the respect and admiration of his fellow-townsmen, the portrait of Mr. Bemis appears on a preceding page, and will be viewed with interest by all his large circle of acquaintances.

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JOHN E. HALL, postmaster and justice of the peace of Landaff, Grafton Co., N. H., was born in the above-mentioned town May 17, 1840; he is a son of Isaac W. and Lois (English) Hall, the former of Francestown, N. H., and the latter of Orford, N. H.

Isaac Hall, the father of our subject, was educated in his native town, and upon attaining man's estate came to Orford, N. H., where he worked out as a farm hand. When he had saved out of his earnings sufficient to engage in business for himself, he bought a farm in Landaff, sometime between the years 1833 and 1835, and there he spent his active years, busied in the pursuits of agriculture. He died March 15, 1877, in Haverhill, where he went to live with his son in his declining years. His wife was Lois English, the daughter of Andrew and Mary (Goodell) English; she departed this life Sept. 22, 1877. Eleven children were born to them, of whom two died in infancy; those reaching an age of maturity were: Damon B., Lorenzo D., Enos K., Lois W., Abram A., Emma, John E., David H., and Amos F. In politics Mr. Hall was a Democrat originally, but upon the formation of the Whig party, he joined its ranks; in town affairs he always took a lively and abiding interest, but could never be prevailed upon to accept any office. He was a man that took great concern in religious work, being a member of the Methodist Church, in which he held the offices



of steward and trustee, and for many years was an honored class leader.

The district schools of Landaff and Lisbon, N. H., furnished our subject with the means for an education. Upon the outbreak of the late Civil War, John E. Hall enlisted, June 26, 1861, in Co. C., 12th Reg. Mass. Vol. Inf., 3rd Division of the 5th Army Corps. His term of enlistment read for three years, but he only served two years, being discharged on account of disability, April 25, 1863, after having been in the hospital for quite a time under treatment. During the period of his connection with the army he took part in every battle in which his regiment had any part, with the exception of the battle of Antietam, which was fought while he was detailed as recruiting officer at Boston.

Returning from the army, he purchased the homestead in Landaff, and shortly after another farm, where he remained about twelve years, living a retired life as a tiller of the soil. He then sold his farm and moved to his present home, in 1880, where he is actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. From the time of attaining his majority he has been a steady supporter of Republican principles; and, although a resident of a town which never fails to heartily endorse Democratic candidates, has been, nevertheless, the recipient of numerous offices, combining both honor and responsibility, so general is the appreciation of his services. He has been postmaster ever since his first commission was given him, Jan. 22, 1868; justice of the peace since June 14, 1867, besides holding the office of selectman and a position on the school board for several years, and serving as moderator for a number of terms. At present he is moderator, chairman of the board of selectmen, a member of the school board, and one of the library trustees. He belongs to Mount Hope Grange of Landaff, of which he is Master. He is a member of Col. Emery Post, No. 23, G. A. R., of Lisbon, in which he has held all the important chairs. He has held in the past the commission of lieutenant and also that of captain in the State militia.

He was married Nov. 13, 1869, to Mrs. Patience P. Noyes, widow of Rufus H. Noyes of Landaff; she was a daughter of Savory Gordon. Their union resulting in no children, our subject and his wife adopted the daughter of his brother, Lorenzo D., Carrie E. Hall. Miss Hall was born

in April, 1869, and married Charley C. Whitcher of Landaff, and has presented him with one child, Mark H., born Dec. 6, 1894, who is very bright and intelligent for one of his years, and is the delight and comfort of both his parents and grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Hall favor the M. E. Church. Mrs. Hall by her first marriage with Rufus Noyes had two children: Mary E.; and Frank P. Mary E. married Col. Edward P. Farr of Thetford, Vt., and is now living in Pierre, the capital of South Dakota. Harry H. Hall, the son of L. D. Hall, is also a member of the household, since his father's death. He is at present town treasurer of Bath; he was born in 1867, and is the youngest treasurer, though by no means the least capable, of all that have filled the duties of that office in the town of Bath.

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WILLARD F. CHASE, a well known and prosperous member of the agricultural community of the town of Lyman, was born in the town of Bath, N. H., March 6, 1848. His parents were David and Sarah (Stevens) Chase.

The grandfather of our subject, Robert Chase, was a native of Bath, and one of the first residents of that place; he owned and operated a farm there, and made it his home throughout his life. His wife, Marggrit, bore him these children: Horace, Moses, Samuel, Louisa, Polly, Cyrena, and David. They were Methodists in religious belief.

David Chase was born in the Chase homestead in Bath, and received his education in the schools of his native town. He lived the last few years in retirement, having been a hard-working agriculturist all his life. He died Jan. 31, 1897. He was a Democrat and had ever been a faithful supporter of his chosen party. He married Sarah Stevens of Haverhill, N. H., and to them were given eleven children, namely: Adelaide; Edward, deceased; Iva; Julia; and Kilburn, deceased; Willard F.; Eliza; Laura; Alice; Fred; Josephine, deceased. Mrs. Chase passed away to the realms of bliss and peace May 21, 1884. They were members of the Methodist Church.

Willard F. Chase completed his education in the schools of Bath, and worked on farms,



usually being hired by the month, until 1888, when he moved to Lyman, N. H., and then purchased a tract of farming property, on which he remained two years and then sold and bought his present farm, then consisting of 165 acres, to which he has since added thirty-seven acres more; the land is admirably adapted to general farming, dairying, and poultry raising; Mrs. Chase devoting much time to her poultry which yields a handsome income. In political matters he always throws his influence with the Democratic party.

Nov. 14, 1877, he was united in wedlock with Lucy Santy, daughter of Gray, Jr., and Lucy (Laddbush) Santy; our subject's marriage has resulted in the birth of one child, Clarence A., born Sept. 2, 1879, in Bath, N. H. Both Mr. and Mrs. Chase are attendants of the M. E. Church of Lyman, N. H., of which she is a member.

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DAVID M. CALLEY, town clerk of Bristol, N. H., and a leading grocer, was born in that part of Holderness, N. H., which is now called Ashland, March 12, 1850, and is a son of the Rev. David and Mary M. (Smith) Calley, and a grandson of David Calley, Sr.

David Calley, Sr., was born in Stratham, N. H., Nov. 15, 1774, and when a young man moved from there to Sanbornton, N. H., and later to New Hampton, N. H., where he remained several years, finally locating in Holderness, N. H., where he spent nearly all of his life in the pursuits of agriculture, dying in the town of Plymouth, N. H., April, 1847. He was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Folsom of New Hampton, who bore him two children: Sally, born Feb. 2, 1803, married Joseph Bennett of Holderness, N. H.; and Hannah, who married Leavitt Smith of New Hampton, N. H. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Calley married Martha Marston, daughter of Jeremiah Marston of New Hampton, and had nine children. Almira, born Feb. 22, 1803, married Russell Cox of Holderness, and had one son, David R. Nathaniel, born July 29, 1808, married Louise Cox of Holderness, and became the father of one child, Henry. Jeremiah M., born July 30, 1812, married Mary P. Sheppard of Holderness, and

had four children: Maria A., David P., Mary, and Willie. David, the father of our subject, was born Nov. 8, 1815. John, born Sept. 22, 1818, was married three times: first to a Miss Shaw, second to a Miss Smart, and third to a Miss Pillsbury; he has one child living by his first wife, George, and by his third marriage three, Edwin, Gertrude, and Georgia. Betsey, born Aug. 10, 1821, married Josiah Shaw of New Hampton, and moved out west; they had one son, Edgar. Chase W., born Aug. 13, 1823, married a Miss Keyes of Rumney, N. H., and was blessed with three children: Frank, Epps J., and Clarence. Joseph S., born Feb. 22, 1826, married Sarah Wright of Holderness, N. H.; of this union Joseph is the only one of the children living. Martha, born July 14, 1828, married John Mason of New Hampton, N. H., and lives in Boston, Mass.; they have one child, Martha G. Mrs. Calley, our subject's grandmother, was a Free Will Baptist, but her husband was liberal in his religious views. He died April, 1847.

Rev. David Calley was educated in the common schools of his native town of Holderness, N. H., and then until he was twenty-four years of age worked on the farm; from then until 1842 he held religious meetings as an exhorter. In that year he was ordained a minister of the Free Will Baptist Church, and performed his pastoral duties in North Tunbridge, Vt., until 1847, and in Bristol from then until 1849. From then until 1853 his ill-health did not permit him to do any preaching. In 1853 he again took up preaching, and followed it seven years until 1860, and then went to North Tunbridge, where he labored in the church until 1863, when he returned to Bristol, where he remained until 1870, and from that year till 1872 was in Alexandria, N. H.; from 1872 until 1874 was in North Sandwich, N. H.; from 1874 to 1880 in Center Sandwich; and from then until 1892 in Alexandria, Sandwich, Center Sandwich, Farnsworth, and Center Meredith, N. H. Since 1892 he has lived in retirement in Bristol, N. H. He has been zealous and untiring in his efforts to win souls for his Master, and has labored to "press forward toward the prize of the mark of the high calling, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." He has been married twice. He led his first wife, Dorcas D. Sheppard, to the altar Sept. 4, 1845. She was taken to the heavenly home prepared on high. He then married

Mary M. Smith, daughter of Obadiah and Eliza Smith, March 23, 1848. Six children were born of this last union. Dorcas, born Jan. 28, 1848, married Charles Gordon of Alexandria, and has two children, Helen and Carl. David M., the second child of Rev. David Calley, is the subject of this sketch. E. Belle, born April 4, 1853, has been a teacher in the schools of the town of Bristol for the past twenty years. Dr. George H., born Dec. 11, 1854, married Mrs. Addie (Bucklyn) Fowler, widow of the late Dr. Edgar Fowler of Bristol, N. H. By her first marriage she had one child, Maud, who is now attending school at Bristol, N. H. Charles H., born May 5, 1859, chose as his helpmate Ella Hammond, and now lives in Denver, Col. Martha J., born Dec. 21, 1861, married Anson B. Pray of Bristol, N. H., and has one child, Francis M. The mother of our subject died Oct. 26, 1896.

David M. Calley, after completing his district school education, took a commercial course at New Hampton, N. H., in the New Hampton Institute. Until 1871 he worked in a paper-mill, and then entered the employ of the Fairbanks Scale Co. at St. Johnsbury, Vt., with whom he remained until 1883. In that year he commenced to clerk for Charles Boardman, who ran a general mercantile store in Bristol two years and a half. He then engaged in the grocery and provision business on his own account, and has continued in that line ever since, winning for himself the esteem and confidence of a large circle of patrons. He is a firm Republican, has been justice of the peace several years, and town clerk since 1891. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Cardigan Lodge, No. 38, of Bristol, of which lodge he has been secretary and treasurer.

In 1874 he led to the altar of Hymen, Ida A. Moore, daughter of Russell Moore of St. Johnsbury, Vt., and was united with her in the indissoluble bonds of marriage. They have been blessed by the birth of six children: Elfreeda M., born Jan. 22, 1875; George F., May 8, 1880; Mary A., Feb. 14, 1882; Marguerite P., Dec. 29, 1893; Edgar M., June 29, 1892; and Russell D., July 1, 1890. Elfreeda M. married E. E. Pike of Braintree, Vt., and has one child, Mildred E., born Dec. 26, 1895. David M. Calley and wife belong to the Free Will Baptist Church of Bristol, N. H.

CHARLES W. HOLMES, the leading machinist of Bristol, and repairer of all descriptions of artisan's tools, was born in Sharon, Mass., Jan. 9, 1841, and is a son of Charles and Caroline E. (Smith) Holmes, both natives of Sharon, the latter a daughter of Israel Smith of that town.

Our subject's father was one of the most extensive boot manufacturers in the State of Massachusetts in his time, and because of the magnitude of his business and the successful methods with which he conducted it, he was enabled to lay up a comfortable fortune, and was considered a very prominent man. He reared three children, who were named as follows: Caroline L.; Mary J.; and Charles, the subject of this sketch. In religious belief, he and his wife adhered to the doctrines of the Calvinist Baptist Church. The mother is still living.

Our subject attended and graduated from the High School of Canton, Mass., and learned the trade of a machinist, finishing his apprenticeship with the Ruggles Printing Press Co. of Canton, Mass. He was then employed in the Springfield Armory of Springfield, Mass., after which he worked for the Remington Arms Co. as tool-maker, later being employed in the same capacity by the same company in Utica, N. Y. Following this, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and also ran a steam carding shop, and gun manufactory in Colton, N. Y. Coming to New Hampshire to the town of Canaan, he kept a regular repair shop, remaining there about three years. In 1890 he moved to his present home and place of business at Bristol and purchased the George Robie machine shop and trade, and has since then carried on a general machine and repair shop. He also manufactures vises, jackscrews, shaftings, pulleys, and general mill work, and deals in automatic machines, water feeders, lead pipe couplings, safety split collars and couplings, and many other articles of a similar character. In his political views he is a staunch Republican.

On June 10, 1863, he was married to Sarah Douglass, daughter of James Douglass of Colton, N. Y., and was blessed with the birth of one child, Elizabeth, who married A. Burton Howe, and has two children, Reginald and ————. Mrs. Holmes died in 1887, and after the lapse of several years our subject formed a second union



with Henrietta Drew, daughter of Alfred Drew of Boston, Mass. His second marriage resulted in one child, Helen D. Socially he is a Mason, and belongs to Union Lodge, No. 79, of Bristol, N. H.; and Franklin Chapter of Franklin, N. H. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., Cardigan Lodge, No. 38, of which he is Noble Grand. In the matter of their religious preference Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are members of the M. E. Church of Bristol, N. H.

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LEWIS W. FLING, a prominent lawyer and highly esteemed citizen of the town of Bristol, N. H., was born in Windsor, Vt., Dec. 6, 1824, and is a son of Abel and Hopestill (Harlow) Fling, both natives of Springfield, Vt., and a grandson of Abel Fling, Sr.

Our subject's grandfather was a native of Connecticut, and served three years in the Revolutionary War, for which he afterwards drew a pension. He was an agriculturist by occupation, and owned and cultivated a farm of about 100 acres; in his early years he learned the trade of a carpenter and builder, and carried on that business in connection with his farming in Windsor, Vt. He married Susanna Alvord, a native of the Green Mountain State, and to them were given two children: Abel, our subject's father; and Amelia, who married William Harlow of Springfield, Vt. In religious belief they favored the Universalist Church.

Abel Fling, Jr., after completing a district school education in the schools of Springfield, Vt., which was very limited even for that day, learned the trade of a carpenter and builder, and worked at it until his father's death, when he bought the homestead and carried on general farming until his death, Aug. 8, 1880. He ranked among the foremost men of his town, and was considered a very prosperous and successful man; he acquired considerable property by straightforward, square dealings, and was honest as the day is long. He was an old-line Whig until the birth of the Republican party, when he enlisted his sympathies and influence under its banner, but never aspired to do more than to perform the simple duties of a plain citizen. He

married Hopestill Harlow, daughter of Levi Harlow of Taunton, Mass., and later a resident of Springfield, Vt.; she was his second wife, and the mother of our subject, Lewis W. Fling, the only child born to them. His first wife, Abigail Harlow, a niece of Hopestill, bore him one child, Abbie, who married Stephen Hastings of Windsor, Vt.; Mrs. Hastings is now deceased. Our subject's mother was called to her account July 19, 1865, to receive the reward promised to such as live the right kind of life here below. Our subject's father belonged to the Calvinistic Baptist Church, and the mother was a member of the M. E. Church.

Lewis W. Fling attended the district schools of his native town until eighteen years of age, when he became a student at the New England Seminary, located at Windsor, Vt., and taught by Professors Jackman and Sweet; among his schoolmates at that institution were S. M. Wheeler, who afterwards courted Fortune with gratifying success in the legal profession, and Dr. Clark, a man of exceptional talents, who became a leading physician of Windsor, Vt. After leaving the above-mentioned seminary our subject went three terms to the academy at Lebanon, N. H., and then attended the academy at Claremont, N. H. His general education was completed in the Norwich University of Norwich, Vt., of which Gen. Ransom was at that time dean. He then taught district and select school, both in New Hampshire and Vermont, eight terms, after which he entered the law office of J. E. Sargent of Canaan, N. H., remaining there six years, and was admitted to the bar of New Hampshire at Plymouth, this county, at the November term of court, 1851, and became a partner of Mr. Sargent. The law firm carried on its legal business, under the style of Sargent & Fling at Wentworth, N. H., until 1853. In that year Mr. Fling moved to the town of Bristol, Feb. 23, and in that town has developed a lucrative and highly satisfactory legal practice. In political belief he is a staunch and uncompromising Democrat, and served as State Senator from the Eleventh Senatorial District in 1871-72; and has also held the office of superintendent of the town schools, and has been a member of the school committee. He has always worked for the advancement of the educational interests of Bristol, and in any other way that was open has done his best to help the







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MRS. SALLIE M. WEEKS.





growth and symmetrical development of town institutions, but was never considered to be a man who labored thus for political notoriety. He is a Mason, and belongs to Union Lodge, No. 79, and is one of its charter members.

April 26, 1853, he was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony with Maria Currier of Wentworth, N. H. She died one year later, Aug. 19, 1854, and on Dec. 18, 1855, he formed a second alliance with Margaret H. Sleeper, of Bristol, N. H., who was a daughter of Rev. Walter Sleeper, one of the pioneer preachers of this section of the State. Of this second union there resulted the following children: Charles W., born Aug. 27, 1856; Harry S., who died in infancy; Eva M.; and Anna S., deceased. Eva M., who was born in 1863, married Oscar F. Fellows of Bristol, N. H., now a leading lawyer of Bucksport, Me.; they have two children: Raymond and Frank. Anna S., who was a talented musician, graduated from the Boston Conservatory of Music, and taught music in the Southern Female College at La Grange, Ga. She married James A. Pitman of that place, and left at her death two children to his care: Jim Fling Pitman and Anna A. Pitman.

Charles W. Fling, the oldest son of our subject, was educated in the High School of Bristol, N. H., and at New Hampton Institute, and on completing his education accepted a position with the Bristol Savings Institution. He afterwards engaged in the carpentering and building business in company with B. L. and A. Welles, and continued to be interested in that branch of industry until Jan. 1, 1895, when he sold out to his partner and opened an office at No. 3 Central Square, Bristol, N. H., where he is occupied in a general insurance business, the collection of debts, the making of deeds, mortgages, and the like; he is also a notary public and a justice of the peace. He is a Democrat, and has held the office of town clerk, and has been a member of the school board for three years. He is a member of the same Masonic Lodge as his father, Union No. 79, and is at present Past Master. He is also a member of Pemigewasset Chapter, No. 13, of Plymouth. In 1878 he was joined in wedlock with Etta A. Seavey of Alexander, N. H., and has two children: Lewis S., born March 8, 1880; and Eva, born Feb. 10, 1888. The family favor the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ELBRIDGE WEEKS, who is engaged in the pursuits of agriculture in the town of Haverhill, was born in Bath, Feb. 4, 1851; he is a son of Moses M. and Sallie (Minot) Weeks, grandson of David and Matilda (Childs) Weeks, and great-grandson of David and Ruth (Page) Weeks. David Weeks, Sr., was born in Greenland, Vt., in 1745, and was a carpenter by trade; in 1802 he moved to the town of Bath, where he died in 1827. He fought in the War of the Revolution. David Weeks, Jr., was a farmer and the father of eleven children, of whom but two survive.

Moses M. Weeks was born in the town of Bath, Feb. 4, 1811, and died in Haverhill, March 12, 1896. He was reared in Bath, and attended the schools there until he was perhaps twenty years old. He then bought a farm, next to the one on which he was born, and there he made his home until 1877, when he bought the farm in Haverhill, where our subject now lives; he turned the farm over to his two sons and lived with them till death released him from further mortal cares. The farm consists of 150 acres of land, of which ninety are in cultivation. Moses Weeks was a life-long Democrat of the unyielding type, and served on the school committee of Bath. Dec. 29, 1840, he married Sallie Minot, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Stone) Minot; Mrs. Weeks was born Sept. 18, 1809, in the town of Bath and died May 15, 1889, in the town of Haverhill. Samuel Minot, a farmer, came from Concord, Mass., to Bath, in 1802, where he soon attained a place as one of the town's most highly respected citizens, serving as selectman and in other official capacities. Our subject owns a rare old portrait of his wife's father, which shows him to have been a very fine-appearing gentleman.

The subject of this sketch was reared in his native town of Bath, and attended the district schools during the years of his minority; up to the year 1877, when the family moved to Haverhill, Mr. Weeks worked alternately on the home farm and on the adjoining farms of the neighbors. When the family had settled in Haverhill, Elbridge and his brother took upon themselves the active management of the farm and allowed their parents to take a well-earned rest.

Mr. Weeks was married May 26, 1894, in Lisbon, to Mrs. Ada Howland, widow of Enoch M.

Howland, and daughter of Adam and Mary (Morris) Streeter; Adam Streeter was a son of Joel and Lydia (Dailey) Streeter; Mary Morris was a daughter of Samuel and Ann Maria (Whitcomb) Morris. Mrs. Weeks by her first marriage has one daughter, Julia Howland; her union with our subject resulted in one daughter: Sallie Morris Weeks. Mrs. Weeks is a member of the Congregational Church. Both husband and wife are members of the Grange, No. 212, at Haverhill. In his politics he is independent, voting for the best man, regardless of party lines; in State and National elections, however, he generally votes the Democratic ticket.

The portraits of Mr. Weeks's father and mother appear on another page in this work.

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CLARENCE N. MERRILL, miller and dealer in flour, grain and feed, lumber, drain pipe, coal, baled hay, lime, cement, and fertilizers, residing in the town of Bristol, N. H., was born in Hill, N. H., Dec. 31, 1850. He is a son of Clark and Elizabeth (Crowell) Merrill, grandson of John and Betsey (Darling) Merrill, and great-grandson of Jonathan and Mary (Farnum) Merrill.

Jonathan Merrill was born Feb. 10, 1733, and settled in Alexandria, this county, and it is said that he was the first man in that town to own a cow. He bought a new farm, which for many years he was occupied in clearing and improving in other ways; he remained in his chosen vocation through life, and was considered a very successful and prosperous man of his time. His wife bore him one son, John.

John Merrill was born March 9, 1769, and died May, 1830. He was born in Bristol, and that continued to be his home through life, which was spent at his trade of tanning and in farming. Strict integrity of conduct characterized his whole life, and few men ever existed in whom one could place greater reliance. He was married Nov. 12, 1794, to Betsey Darling, who was born April 22, 1771, and died Oct. 8, 1834. Their union was blessed with six children, who were as follows: Jonathan, born Dec. 5, 1795, died February, 1868; Susan, Dec. 24, 1797, died March 25, 1869; Mary, born Jan. 23, 1800, mar-

ried Joseph Chadwick, April 20, 1851; John, April 10, 1802; Clark, Dec. 16, 1804, died April 2, 1887; and Moses, April 13, 1807, died March 4, 1868.

Clark Merrill, our subject's father, was educated in his native town, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he followed all of the active period of his life in the town of Hill, N. H. He was an active and energetic man, who delighted in being occupied at work. He was a staunch Republican in politics, and took a lively interest in the town affairs, doing all in his power to promote the general growth and development. In 1827, his nuptials with Elizabeth Crowell were consummated; she was a daughter of Newman Crowell of Andover, N. H., and was born May 31, 1808. Our subject's parents reared nine children: Hannah C., born Oct. 23, 1827, married Benjamin Southmayd of Campton, N. H.; Mary E., born Oct. 19, 1831, married Merrill Greeley of Waterville, N. H.; Rose W., born April 13, 1834, married Eben K. Blodgett of Bristol, N. H., now a resident of Groton, Mass.; Moses W., born Oct. 19, 1837, married Almyra Southmayd of Campton, N. H.; George S., born Nov. 28, 1839, married Agnes Sleeper of Bristol, N. H., now of Clear Lake, Iowa; Edwin C., born March 27, 1842, married as his first wife Sophronia Abbott of Hill, N. H., and as his second wife Lydia Davis of Grafton, N. H., and now lives at Alexandria, N. H.; Ruth A., born July 9, 1844, married William C. Kelley of Hill, N. H.; Albert L., born Jan. 17, 1847, married Mary Webster of Bristol, and now lives in West Plymouth, N. H.; and Clarence N., the subject of this sketch. Our subject's parents favored the M. E. Church.

Our subject was educated in the district schools of Bristol, and when he started out for himself, went west, and was brakeman for the Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R. for one year, when he returned to his native place. After working on the farm one year he moved to Bristol and worked about one year in a cabinet-shop. He then engaged with Messrs. Taylor and Shaw in the grain and milling business, running the mill for about twelve years. In July, 1884, he purchased Mr. Shaw's interest, and the business was then continued until May, 1896, under the firm name of Taylor & Merrill; since then he has been in the business alone. He owns and operates a



saw-mill at Groton, N. H., and also owns about 1,000 acres of valuable timber land at the same place. At Bristol, N. H., he handles fertilizers and all kinds and descriptions of farming tools and implements, making a specialty of the Worcester Buckeye Mowing Machine, and selling more of them than any other man in the State except one, John B. Verrick of Manchester. He is a Democrat, and may always be found among the foremost of his party in the town. Socially he is a Mason and belongs to Union Lodge, No. 79; and St. Omer Chapter of Franklin, N. H.

In March, 1872, he was joined in marriage with Ann M. Foster, who was born Nov. 5, 1851, and is a daughter of Wilson Foster of Hill, N. H. They have one child, Everett C., born Nov. 11, 1876, who is now attending school at the New Hampton Institute, New Hampton, N. H. In religious belief, they are Methodists, and belong to the church of that denomination at Bristol.

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ALBRO WELLS, junior member of the firm of B. L. & A. Wells, contractors and builders of the town of Bristol, was born July 26, 1860, and is a son of Benjamin L. and Mary B. (Sleeper) Wells.

The first member of the Wells family, of whom we have any definite information, is one Henry Wells, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, who was a native of New Hampshire, and died about 1779 by exposure to the cold. He was a shoemaker by trade, and in the year above mentioned he went to the mill with a grist of corn, which he loaded on the back of his saddle-horse; when returning from Hill, N. H., with his grist he was caught in a snow-storm. It is supposed he dismounted from his horse and lost his way; he was found the next morning all stiff and cold in death.

Peter Wells, son of the foregoing, and great-grandfather of our subject, was born March 24, 1771, in New Hampton. He was a farmer by occupation and followed his chosen calling all the years of his life. He married Hannah Blake, May 13, 1790, and their union was blessed by the birth of ten children: Betsey, born Jan. 5, 1791, died Oct. 29, 1864; Mary, March 13, 1793, died

Feb. 22, 1867; Hannah, June 30, 1795, died April 14, 1862; Affa, Aug. 31, 1797, died Feb. 4, 1843; Deborah, Dec. 4, 1799, died Nov. 18, 1893; Henry, June 28, 1802, died April 26, 1883; Peter, Sept. 29, 1804, died March 1, 1825; Sally, Sept. 24, 1807, died Sept. 7, 1890; Kiah, May 24, 1810, died May 31, 1888; and Emily, Feb. 29, 1816, died Aug. 31, 1835. It is believed that they were Methodists in their religious belief.

Henry Wells, our subject's grandfather, was born in New Hampton, N. H., and was educated in the schools of that place, after which he learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, and was considered a very good workman; this trade he followed all the active period of his life. Politically he was first a Free-Soiler, and later joined the ranks of the Republican party. He held the office of selectman of the town of Bristol, and in all public enterprises was sure to be found at the front, ready to take the leadership of the enterprise and direct the work. He married Lavina Locke, Sept. 16, 1824, and to them were given two children: Peter, born Dec. 20, 1826, died in 1845; and Benjamin L., born Dec. 21, 1832. He was a Methodist in religious belief and attachments. Mrs. Wells was born in Bristol, Jan. 28, 1805, and died April 16, 1884.

Benjamin Wells, the father of our subject, was born in Bristol, N. H., and after completing his education in the schools of his native place learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, in which he has been engaged all his life in the town of Bristol. In that town he established a shop for the manufacture of house builders' lumber and wood supplies, and with the exception of one or two years has continued in that line of work. In 1885 he took his son, Albro, the subject of this biography, into the firm, which was run under the style of B. L. & A. Wells until 1890, when they took in as a partner Charles W. Fling, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume, and the firm was known as Wells & Fling, and did a very large and flourishing business. In 1895 Mr. Wells and his son bought Mr. Fling's interest, and since that time the firm has done business as B. L. & A. Wells. The business has grown and prospered under the joint management of father and son, and yields them a handsome income annually. They have built some very fine residences in the town of Bristol, and also a shoe factory, four stories high,

with ground dimensions 32x75. Mr. Wells may be found at election time supporting the candidates of the Republican party at the polls. In 1857 he was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Mary Sleeper, daughter of Leavitt Sleeper; one child, Albro, the subject of this notice, was born to them. After Mrs. Wells's death, June 22, 1861, her husband formed a second union with Hannah Rollins, daughter of Uriah Rollins of Andover, N. H., which resulted in one child, Ellen C., who married Charles A. George of Bristol, N. H., and has one child, Marguerite, who was born in 1896. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wells are members of the M. E. Church.

Albro Wells was educated in the schools of Bristol, and learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade from his father, and has followed it steadily since 1877, and is now in company with his parent, as has been before mentioned. He is a Republican of no uncertain or wavering type, and is now a member of the school board. Socially he is a member of the A. O. U. W. of Bristol, Merrill Lodge, No. 23.

On Sept. 15, 1885, he was joined in matrimony with Harriet A. Robie, daughter of George A. Robie of Bristol, and they have been blessed with the birth of three children: Mary, born July 17, 1886; Harry D., April 6, 1888; and Sarah E., Jan. 21, 1895. He is a Methodist in religious belief.

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TIMOTHY B. SOUTHARD, a prosperous farmer and lumber dealer of Upper Bath Village, is the son of William Southard, and was born in Bath, N. H., May 24, 1851. The grandfather of our subject was named Lemuel Southard, and was of Irish extraction; he was born in Falley, Vt., and received his limited schooling in the common schools of his native town. He was a very enterprising and energetic man, and besides owning and operating a farm of large extent, was a bridge-builder of note in that section of the State. His untimely death occurred while working at his trade; he fell from a bridge he was constructing at White River Junction and was drowned, at the age of twenty-eight years. His widow, Jennie Moore, a native of Falley, Vt., and two children, were left to mourn

his loss; the children were named: Nancy J.; and William, the father of our subject. In politics Mr. Southard was a Whig, but in his short career never found time to engage in office-seeking. Both he and his family were attendants of the Congregational Church.

William Southard, the father of Timothy B., was born in Falley, Vt., Oct. 16, 1807; the schools of his native place furnished him with the means for his early mental training. At the age of fifteen he started out in life to support himself, the first dollar he earned being given to him for breaking a colt. He hired out as a farm hand, receiving the small stipend of seven dollars a month. By a careful husbanding of his income he was at length enabled to go to Haverhill, N. H., where he purchased a farm with his savings; he remained in that locality for seven years, tilling the soil with excellent results. He then moved to Swiftwater, a small village in the eastern part of the town of Bath, N. H., where he bought another piece of farming property, and made it his home, and the scene of the remainder of his active years of toil. His death occurred Oct. 28, 1891.

On Feb. 4, 1833, he was married to Ann W., daughter of Timothy and Susan W. (White) Barron, the former parent a native of Bath, and the latter of Haverhill, N. H. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Southard, as follows: William B.; Ruth A.; Nancy J.; Charley B.; Mary E.; Timothy, deceased; Lemuel J.; Ellen E.; Susan W.; Fannie K.; and Timothy B., the subject of this sketch. They also reared a grandchild, Barron D., who remained with them until he was twenty years of age. William B., the eldest child, married Eliza Haney of Michigan; Ruth married Ira Kimball of Bath; Nancy J. became the life-partner of L. E. Noyes of Bath; Charley married Carrie Chisholm of Chicago, Ill.; Lemuel married Hannah Drury of Bath; Ellen was joined in marriage to E. B. DeForest of Michigan; Fannie married John H. Cutting of Haverhill, N. H. Regarding our subject's father's political attachments he was a Democrat, but was never a seeker after public office. In his religious views he was most liberal.

Timothy B. Southard received the fundamental elements of a good education in the schools of Bath, and at the age of twenty sought work as a farm hand. He saved his earnings, and, in



connection with his father, was soon in a position to purchase the starch factory, then owned by General Bedell of Bath, N. H. Under their joint control they did a good business in the manufacture of starch for four years, when they sold the plant, and our subject assumed control of the home farm, which he has cultivated since 1880. In addition to his farming interests, which are extensive of themselves, he carries on a large lumber business, owning and operating a saw-mill, located at Swiftwater, with a sawing capacity of one million feet per annum. In 1894 he purchased the present home and farm of 275 acres, which is splendidly adapted to general farming. His first wife was Lois W. Partridge of Haverhill, N. H. After her decease he formed a second matrimonial alliance with Arabella Noyes of Bath, and they have been blessed by the birth of four children, who are: Annie B.; James Noyes; Agnes F.; and Frances L., who are all attending school. Mr. Southard is a Democrat. The family is liberal in its religious views.

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FRANK P. MOULTON, an honored resident of the village of Bath, and locomotive engineer for the Bath Lumber Co., is a son of Albert G. and Elizabeth (Tyler) Moulton, and grandson of David and Martha (Knapp) Moulton. Our subject's grandfather was born in Lyman, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. His father, who was a native of England, was one of the first settlers of the town. David Moulton proved a very successful farmer, and owned a large and productive tract of land, and was very well furnished with the means of comfort and ease. He died at the age of eighty. His wife was Martha Knapp; she bore him a family of nine children, departing this life at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. Their children were: Daniel, David, Albert G., George, Benjamin, Joan, Elmira, Martha, and Ellen.

Albert G. Moulton, the father of our subject, was born in the town of Lyman, and passed his early years there, engaged in much the same duties as most boys that live on farms are engaged in. His first important employment was as a carpenter and bridge builder for Stone &

Harris, contractors for the construction of the Connecticut River R. R. Afterwards he was connected with the Boston & Providence R. R., Hoosatic Valley R. R., and New Jersey Central R. R., in the same capacity. During the latter years of his life he held the responsible position of superintendent of bridges and buildings for the Fitchburg R. R., on the Vermont and Massachusetts Division; he held this position until his death, at the age of seventy-six. He married Elizabeth Tyler of Hinsdale, N. H.; she was taken to her heavenly home at the age of eighty-seven. They reared the following children: Frank P., the subject of this memoir; Elizabeth (Amsden), now deceased; Arthur W., deceased; and James T., who resides in Bath, N. H. The father of our subject was a Democrat in politics, but never accepted any nomination at the hands of his party, although frequently urged to accept. He was a Master Mason, and a member of the Unitarian Church.

Frank P. Moulton was born April 13, 1853, at Athol, Mass., where he received his education. Having a strong desire to follow railroading, he became baggageman between Boston and the Hoosac Tunnel; after six months faithful and meritorious service he was promoted to the position of conductor on the same road, in which capacity he remained with them for eleven years; however, not all of the eleven years was spent as conductor, the last few years he acted as locomotive engineer. Our subject's father was desirous of his son's leaving railroad life, and, accordingly bought for him a beautiful \$12,000.00 farm in the town of Bath. Mr. Moulton at once moved to the farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits; he still makes it his home. The most of his life has been associated with the railroad, except four years, in which he was actively engaged in farming, and the last few years, since 1892, in which he has been locomotive engineer for the Bath Lumber Co.

Mr. Moulton was married in 1878 to Marshie E. Atwood of Lisbon, N. H. Five children have blessed their union, namely: Marion; Imogene; Albert, who died at the age of three years; Shirlee L.; and Helen. Mr. Moulton is a member of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F. He is a Democrat in his political attachments, and has been justice of the peace since 1882.



HON. DAVID MASON, a member of the firm of the Mason, Perkins Paper Co., manufacturers of wood pulp and white paper, of the town of Bristol, N. H., was born June 27, 1820, and is a son of David and Esther (Moore) Mason, the former of the town of Sanbornton, and the latter a native of Goffstown, N. H.

David Mason, Sr., our subject's father, was educated in the schools of Sanbornton, and when a young man came to Bristol, and has followed pursuits of agriculture all his life in that town. His wife Esther, was a daughter of Robert Moore of Goffstown, N. H., and to them were born the following children: Daniel, David, Robert, Joseph M., Mary J., Hetta, Jerusha, and one who died in infancy. Mr. Mason was liberal in religious belief and a Republican in his political allegiance.

Our subject, after completing his education in Bristol, first engaged in lumbering business and later on entered upon the manufacture of strawboard and paper, and since 1855 he has devoted his entire attention to the wood pulp and white paper business, in which, in company with B. F. Perkins, of Bristol, N. H., under the firm name of Mason, Perkins & Co., he is extensively engaged in that town. The company have controlling stock in the New Found Lake Power Co. of Bristol, N. H., which has one of the best water privileges in the entire State. He is also one of the heaviest stockholders in the Bristol Aqueduct Co. He is a member of the finance committee of the Bristol Savings Bank. In his political belief and affiliations he is an uncompromising Republican, and has held the office of selectman and also represented the town of Bristol in the State Legislature for three terms. He married Elvira Gurdy, daughter of Elisha Gurdy, of Bristol, N. H. As our subject's union did not result in any issue, he and his wife adopted a girl, Addie, whom they reared and educated as one of their own flesh and blood. Addie married Charles E. Mason, a nephew of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Mason are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Bristol, N. H. He has at all times been untiring in his efforts to further the interests of Bristol, and is held in high esteem as one of its solid and substantial business men, who have contributed so much to its present prosperity and success.

FRANK P. FIELDS, head clerk and bookkeeper for the Mason, Perkins Paper Co. of Bristol, N. H., was born in the town of Merrimack, of this State, Nov. 5, 1852. He is a son of Smith and Mary (Moses) Fields, and a grandson of Joshua Fields.

Joshua Fields was a native of New Hampshire and farmer by occupation, following that calling throughout the active period of his life, and was very successful in his efforts to secure a livelihood and also to obtain a competence with which to support himself in his declining years. In his political belief he was a stanch Jacksonian Democrat, being an ardent partisan of the great Democratic leader, Andrew Jackson. He married a Miss Emerson, and to them were born four children: Hannah, Smith, Sally, and Joshua. Hannah married Charles Sherwin, a native of Vermont, and had two children, Ora A., who married C. B. Gardner of Lowell, Mass., and Charles, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Sally married Peter Carlton of Amherst, N. H., and was blessed with two children, Hannah died at the age of sixteen years, and Sarah, who married John Hadlock of New Hampshire, and had two sons, Albert and John.

Smith Fields, our subject's father, carried on a prosperous farming and lumber business all his life in Merrimack, N. H., and held a leading place in the business circles of that town. He was a Democrat and held the office of selectman several years. His wife Mary was a daughter of Eben Moses, and to them were born six children: Sarah, deceased; Charles, deceased; Joshua, deceased, who married Fidelia Field of Hollis, N. H., and has one child living, Fred E.; Mary A., married Robert M. M. Gordon of New Hampton, and has one child, Adelbert M.; Scott married Susan F. Hill of Merrimack, N. H., and has three children, Warren, Elmer, and Charles; Frank P., the youngest child in the parental family, is the subject of this sketch. In religious belief our subject's parents were Methodists. The mother died July 6, 1874, and the father July 6, 1876.

Frank P. Fields was educated in the schools and New Hampton Institute of New Hampton, N. H., and engaged in the meat business for two years with Weeks & Flanders in Plymouth, N. H., he then came to Bristol in 1876, and entered the employ of the Mason, Perkins Paper Co. as





FAYETTE BACON.



paper maker and was later advanced to the position of bookkeeper and head clerk, which position he still holds and has held for fourteen years. He is a Democrat, but has never filled any office at the gift of his towns-people, having no great desire for fame in that direction. Nov. 24, 1877, he was joined in matrimony with Clara J. Weeks of Plymouth, daughter of N. H. Weeks, and to Mr. and Mrs. Fields have been born two children: Mary E., born Sept. 24, 1880; and Chas. W., Dec. 14, 1883. Mr. Fields is a Mason and belongs to Union Lodge, No. 79, of Bristol, and in religious belief he favors the M. E. Church.

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FAYETTE BACON, of Haverhill, a manufacturer of bent stock for sleighs, sleds, carriages, etc., owning and operating a shingle mill, in addition to a planing and saw-mill, was born in Haverhill on the farm that adjoins the one he now occupies, Oct. 24, 1835. He is a son of Asa and Roxana Matilda (Perry) Bacon, and grandson of Abner and Catherine (Reed) Bacon. The grandfather of our subject, it is most likely, came from Connecticut; he settled in Putney in 1798, where he pursued his trade of a tailor and clothier; he was born Aug. 15, 1768, and died May 16, 1864, at the advanced age of ninety-six.

Asa Bacon was born in Connecticut, and was taken by his parents to Putney, Vt., when two years old; he was married on Sunday, Feb. 29, 1824, when he was twenty-eight, and came to Haverhill and settled on the farm, where his son, Fayette, was born, and died there at the age of eighty-six, Aug. 15, 1882. He pursued the various avocations of farmer, cobbler, and shoemaker through life. He was a member of the militia when a mere boy of sixteen, being large for his age. The company, of which he was a member, was notified to be in readiness to take the field during the War of 1812, but they were never actually called into service. His wife was born in Putney, Vt., and was a daughter of William and Eleanor (Jones) Perry, and granddaughter of William Perry, Sr.; Eleanor Jones's father was a sea captain. The family, which our subject's parents raised consisted of the following members: Catherine, deceased; George, de-

ceased; William, deceased; Fayette; Caroline M., who makes her home with her brother Fayette.

Our subject passed the bright and careless years of boyhood and youth on his father's farm at Center Haverhill, going to the district schools till he was twenty years old, at which age he left home to learn the wheelwright's trade at North Haverhill. In 1857 he erected a shop in North Haverhill, where he remained, and carried on a good business until 1863, when he bought his present farm of 100 acres, built a shop, and transferred his entire business; in his work he used horse-power until 1882, and since that time has made use of a ten-horse power steam engine. His product was at first in the line of light carriages, but later branched out and embraced heavy wagons, carts, etc., of all descriptions. His work is now mainly confined to the manufacturing of bent stock for sleighs, sleds, and carriages, also hubs and shingles; a planing and saw-mill and shingle-mill enable him to do a large and flourishing business. The shingle-mill is run by our subject's nephew, E. Henry Lewis, a bright, energetic young man, who has a decided turn for machinery, and will probably follow his inclinations and natural bent, and learn the machinist's trade.

Mr. Bacon consummated his nuptials with Susanna C. Wright at Newbury, Vt., Oct. 11, 1859; Mrs. Bacon was born in Warren, N. H., of Russell and Hannah (Cilley) Wright. She departed this life April 15, 1887, for the blessed regions, promised to those of blameless life. Our subject's sister, Caroline M. Bacon, was married Jan. 31, 1874, in North Haverhill, to William H. Lewis, and to them was born one son, E. Henry Lewis, April 17, 1878. Mr. Bacon was a charter member of the old grange years ago, when it was first organized. He has always voted the straight Republican ticket ever since attaining his majority, casting his first vote for John C. Fremont, in 1856. Mr. Bacon takes a deep interest in politics, but office has no attraction for him, and he has steadily and repeatedly refused all offers of political advancement; in the campaign of 1896, he was especially interested in and did all in his power to pile up a large majority for McKinley.

Mr. Bacon's portrait, appearing on a page in proximity to this, will be, we are very certain, a valuable addition to this work.

GREEN L. TILTON, a selectman and leading citizen of Bristol, N. H., where he is engaged in teaming, was born in New Hampton, N. H., Feb. 13, 1840, and is a son of Salmon H. and Johanna (Hight) Tilton, both natives of New Hampton.

Josiah Tilton, grandfather of our subject, was born in New Hampton, N. H., and was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life in the above town. He married Sally Keniston of Allentown, and to them were born these children: Clarissa, Salmon H., Daniel, Betsey, Rachel, Eunice, and David. They were Free Will Baptists in religious belief. Mrs. Tilton died in 1882, aged 101 years, and her husband passed away in 1865, at the age of eighty.

Our subject's father, Salmon H. Tilton, was educated in the schools of New Hampton, and was engaged in farming all his life in that town. In early life he was a Whig and later a supporter of the Republican principles. His wife Johanna was the daughter of James Hight of New Hampton; she bore him five children, as follows: John F.; Green L., the subject of this sketch; Emily L.; George H.; and Sarah A. They favored the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist Church. Mr. Tilton died Oct. 7, 1893, and his wife Jan. 28, 1896.

Green L. Tilton received his education in the schools of New Hampton, and then learned the currier's and tanner's trade, which he followed ten years in the town of Bristol, N. H., for the firm of Bartlett & White, later for Mr. White alone. He then engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes, wholesale and retail, in company with Elijah Sanborn, under the style of Sanborn & Tilton. After carrying on this business five years he sold his interest and engaged in the job teaming business, which he has carried on ever since. He also owns and operates about 150 acres of land, which is devoted to general farming. In political belief he is a staunch Republican, and has been prominent in the councils of that party in the town of Bristol. He has held the office of selectman five years, road agent sixteen years; has also been a member of the school committee, and justice of the peace, a position he now holds. Socially he belongs to Cardigan Lodge, No. 38, I. O. O. F., of Bristol, N. H., and is also a member of New Found Grange.

March 21, 1864, he was joined in matrimony with Sarah J. Fellows, daughter of Benjamin Q. Fellows of Bristol, N. H., and to them were given four children, as follows: Willie, born April 22, 1866, died aged four months; Ardilla, now deceased, born June 21, 1867; Eva E., born March 17, 1870, married Wesley A. Dicy of Alexandria, N. H., and has three children, Maud E., Bernice D., and Mildred J.; Grace H., born Oct. 11, 1877, married George F. Trussell of the town of Orford, this county. In religious belief they favor the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist Church.

WILLIS B. BLANDIN, a prominent farmer and deputy sheriff of the town of Bath, is the son of Sylvanus and Harriet (Greenwood) Blandin, and grandson of Jonathan Blandin. Jonathan Blandin was a farmer, and devoted his life to the pursuit of agriculture; he lived the most of his life in Bethlehem. He was a man of great physical strength and endurance, and lived to the advanced age of 105 years, retaining an almost youthful activity to the last. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Sylvanus Blandin, the oldest child in a large family, born to the preceding, was born in Bethlehem, and there passed his school-boy days. There being no railroad facilities at that period for the rapid transportation of freight and merchandise, horses furnished the power for the transmission of goods; our subject's father was engaged in this business, teaming between Bethlehem and Boston. No matter what his work, he always operated a farm in connection with it. About eleven years of his active life was spent in Brownington, Vt., returning to pass the sunset period of his life on the old homestead in Bethlehem. He married Harriet Greenwood of Roy-alston, Mass., and reared a family of six children: Almira G. (McGregory); George W. of Royston, Mass.; Charles K. of Meredith, N. H.; John S. of Bethlehem, N. H.; Willis B., the subject of this memoir; and Maria (Gordon) of Bethlehem, N. H. Sylvanus and his wife both passed away at about the age of eighty years. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a man of energy, with the invaluable adjuncts of push and great executive ability. Liberal and free-hearted,



he was always ready with a kind word, and substantial assistance to the unfortunate one.

Willis B. Blandin, the subject of this short sketch, was born Oct. 29, 1832, in the town of Bethlehem, N. H., and received his somewhat limited education in the public schools of his native town. At the age of eighteen he faced the problems of life; his first employment was with J. G. Sinclair of Bethlehem, N. H., where he remained for a period of five years. In this connection he made himself almost invaluable to his employer, and it was with genuine regret that Mr. Sinclair bade him good-bye when our subject left to take up the vocation of farming in the town of Bath, N. H. The farm that he bought at that time he still owns. He remained on the same until 1886, when he purchased a place in what is called the upper village, and moved there, making it his home at the present time. He has been very successful in his chosen vocation, and is now in the possession of a well-earned competence, the result of his own skill, industry, and perseverance, and can look back upon a well-spent life, conscious of never having done an intentional wrong to anyone. He was married in 1860 to Jane C., daughter of Rufus Noyes of Landaff, N. H. The beloved wife and mother passed away at the age of sixty-three, in 1896. Two children were born to them: Charles, who died at the age of twenty-three; and Amos N., who is now manager of the Bath Lumber Co. of Bath, N. H. Mr. Blandin is a firm Democrat, but does not pose as an office-seeker; however, he has been honored by the office of deputy sheriff, which he has held for eighteen years, and is still the incumbent.

Amos N. Blandin, the only living son and child of Willis B. Blandin, was born in East Landaff (now Easton), Sept. 6, 1864, and received his preliminary education in the public schools of Bath, and in the academy of the same place. He also attended Phillips Exeter Academy of Exeter, N. H., where he fitted for Dartmouth College, but did not pursue his college education as he first intended. Beginning at the age of fifteen years, he taught five terms in the Bath and Landaff public schools. Completing his education at the age of seventeen, he started out to support himself, working on a farm until he had saved a sufficient amount to buy a team of horses. He then bought a wood lot, and carried

on a lumbering business, at which he was remarkably successful. The field promised so well for a larger outlay of capital than he possessed that he conceived the idea of forming a stock company. It was accordingly formed, and the shares sold; it was known as the Bath Lumber Co., with Edward Woods as president, and our subject as treasurer and manager, a position he now holds. He has characterized his life in the business world by the strictest integrity and honesty; his natural aptitude for business has made it possible for him to have attained his present conspicuous position in the community.

He married Catherine E., daughter of Edward and Mary (Carlton) Woods of Bath; this union has been blessed with one child, Catherine E., who was born Dec. 11, 1892. In politics Mr. Blandin has taken a prominent and noteworthy part; he supports the Democratic party, and has served his town in the capacity of selectman and representative. He was sent as a delegate to the Chicago Convention of 1896, which resulted in the nomination of William J. Bryan of Nebraska.

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EDMUND W. LOCKE, deceased, late a prosperous and leading agriculturist of the town of Alexandria, N. H., was born in the above town, where he passed his whole life, Feb. 13, 1843. He is a son of George and Elizabeth (Cheney) Locke, and a grandson of Elijah Locke, a native of Rye, N. H.

Our subject's grandfather was by occupation a farmer, and followed that vocation a greater part of his life in Alexandria. He married Hannah Sanders, a native of Rye, and to them were born the following children: Betsey, Nancy, Samuel, Benjamin, and George. They were Free Will Baptists in religious belief.

George Locke, the youngest son of the parental family and the father of our subject, was educated in the schools of Alexandria, and, like his father, also engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life. He was a leading man in his community and did much to advance the interests of the town and to further its growth. He was a staunch Democrat. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of David and Anna Cheney of Bristol, N. H., bore him the following named children:



David; Nancy; Abigail; Mary; Elizabeth; Sarah; Leonard; and Edmund W., who is the only one now living. They were members and attendants of the Congregational Church. The father died Nov. 20, 1882, and the mother Jan. 30, 1890.

Edmund W. Locke after completing his education in the schools of Alexandria, his native town, turned his whole and undivided attention to farming life and was considered a very prosperous man. He was kind-hearted and very obliging to his neighbors, who sorely felt the loss of such a man. He was a stanch Democrat, and served as road surveyor for a number of years, and was also a member of the school board.

March 3, 1870, he married Susan Smith, daughter of Ransom R. and Mary (Colburn) Smith, whose sketch appears in this book under the title of Clarence A. Smith. His death took place Dec. 30, 1891. His widow still survives, and is living at Bristol, N. H., and is a member of the Baptist Church, as was her husband when living.

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HON. CHARLES E. DRURY, superintendent of the Bath Lumber Co., is the son of Moses W. and Caroline (Merrill) Drury, grandson of Windsor and Clara (Kendall) Drury, and great-grandson of Maj. Buckminster Drury. The latter received his military title from his official connection with the State militia, in which he was always actively interested. He also served in the Revolution.

Windsor Drury was born in Landaff, N. H., where he was reared and educated; he bought a farm near the old homestead, where he carried on farming operations throughout his life. His wife, Clara Kendall, bore him a family of four children: Windsor, Jr., Sarah (Brooks), Louisa, and Moses W.

Moses Webster Drury, the father of our subject, was born in Landaff, and passed the years of his minority there. He learned the trade of a millwright, and at the age of twenty-one went to Northfield, Mass., prosecuting his chosen trade. He always followed his trade, and was not turned aside by glittering prospects in other lines. After a four years' residence in Northfield he changed

his residence to Turner Falls, where he lived till he died at the age of forty. His partner through life's joys and sorrows was Caroline Merrill, who departed this life and rejoined her husband in the world beyond at the age of sixty-three. They reared four children, who were as follows: Alice (Shattuck) of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charles E., the subject of this sketch; Josie of Keene, N. H.; Flavia (Splan) of Bellows Falls, Vt.

Hon. Charles E. Drury was born in that part of Landaff that is now known as Easton, April 4, 1859. His education was very limited, being thrown upon his own resources at the age of eleven years. At that tender age he hired out on a farm for two years, at the expiration of which period he began to follow the milling business, working in the mills near home for a time; after a few years spent in Massachusetts he returned to his native town, and in 1878 began milling on his own account. He necessarily started in on a small scale, but gradually increased his facilities, until he had built up a large and prosperous business, which he disposed of in 1890, and came to Bath, where he soon after, with A. N. Blandin, built the mills of the Bath Lumber Co., with which he has since been associated as superintendent, besides owning considerable stock.

Mr. Drury was joined in the holy bond of marriage in 1878 with Julia A., daughter of Lindsey Whitcomb of Bethlehem, N. H. This union has been blessed with four children, namely: Vera, Mabel, Ray, and Flora. Our subject's political attachments are found in the National party; previous to the time when he supported the cause of temperance with his vote, as well as with his influence, he was a Democrat in his principles. In his native town of Landaff he served on the school board at two different times in the capacity of chairman of that body. He was elected to that position on the Democratic ticket. In 1889-90 he represented his town on the Prohibition ticket in the State Legislature; he is now chairman of the school board of Bath, elected on the Independent ticket. He has also been an efficient highway surveyor and a surveyor of lumber.

In 1894 a campaign paper was started in the town of Bath for local purposes; the editor and the printer of the same remained but a few months. In order to maintain the public enter-

prise Mr. Drury bought the plant, and has continued the publication of the sheet, acting as manager and editor. The paper is known as the Bath Contest, and is devoted to forwarding the good cause of temperance. Our subject is a member in good standing of the M. E. Church, and is interested in all of its good work. Although not having had the advantages usually afforded the youth of this country, he has obtained a good general education by his systematic habits of reading. He is well posted on all subjects that form the theme in educated circles. His record is worthy of emulation as a self-made man; he is admired by all for his clear-headed business ability, and strict and unflinching integrity.

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GILBERT A. BULLOCK, deceased, late a prominent leading merchant of Alexandria, N. H., was born in the above town, Dec. 26, 1846. He is a son of Ariel K. and Orpha (Simonds) Bullock, and grandson of Hezekiah and Mary (Martin) Locke.

Our subject's grandfather was a native of the town of Grafton, N. H., and followed farming all his life in that town. His wife bore him six children, as follows: Ariel, Gilbert, Martin, Lydia, Sabra, and Pluma. They were Methodists in their religious belief.

Ariel Bullock, the eldest son, was educated in the schools of Grafton, and then turned his attention to pursuits of agriculture, which he followed all his life in Grafton and Alexandria, where he died about the year 1882. He was a staunch supporter of the principles advocated by the Republican party. His wife, Orpha, was a daughter of Timothy and Abigail Simonds of Alexandria, and to them were born five children: Kendrick, George, Mary E., Gilbert, and Hezekiah. They were members of the M. E. Church. Our subject's mother died in the year 1877. Gilbert A. Bullock, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the schools of Alexandria and of Manchester, N. H., and after completing his education clerked several years in Concord, N. H., and then went to Holyoke, Mass., in the same capacity, remaining there four years, after which he came to Alexandria, N. H., and for ten years, until 1883, was farming

in that town. In that year he entered upon general mercantile business, and was engaged in that branch of industry for about three years, selling out at last to J. F. Phillips, and retiring on account of his failing health, and still retaining the farm. He was a very prominent man, prosperous and successful in business and universally liked by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, for his honest and charitable dealings in whatever work he was engaged. Politically he was a firm Republican, and held the office of town treasurer for several years. In the M. E. Church of Alexandria he was a trustee for many years and a leader in all the good work done by that organization. His much-lamented death took place Nov. 11, 1886.

In 1871 he contracted a marriage with Clara A. Gale, daughter of Luke and Louisa (Perkins) Gale, and of this union the sole issue was a daughter, Eva L., born Aug. 10, 1874. The mother and daughter are prominently connected in the Methodist Church of Alexandria. In 1888 Mrs. Bullock was elected librarian by the trustees of the Haynes Free Public Library, and has since held that position.

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EBEN T. BAILEY, a leading agriculturist of the town of Alexandria, was born in the above town, March 28, 1827, and is a son of John and Rachel (Haines) Bailey, and a grandson of George Bailey. The grandfather of our subject, a native of the Granite State, was a cooper by trade and followed that in connection with farming all his life. He is an adherent of the Democratic party, and was liberal in his religious belief. He reared four children: George, Rebecca, William, and John.

John Bailey was educated in the schools of Newbury, Vt., and followed the same calling as his father, in Alexandria, being a cooper and farmer. His wife, Rachel, is a daughter of James Haines of Sanbornton, N. H. To them were born five children: Warren, Lydia, Rufus, Rebecca, and Eben T.

Eben T. Bailey was educated in the schools of Alexandria, and when a young man learned the shoemaker's trade, and supported himself five years at that calling. He then turned to agricultural pursuits and purchased a farm of 160 acres



in 1850, and has ever since engaged in farming; he is a stanch Democrat and has held the office of collector of taxes one year.

In 1849 he was joined in matrimony with Louise Ackerman, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Ackerman of Farmington, N. H., and to them were born two children: Frank L., who married Mary A. Darling of Malone, N. Y., and has one child, Mary F.; and Emma R., who married Orrin S. Gale of Alexandria, N. H., and has two children: Shirley and Angie L. The family attend the Union Church of Alexandria, N. H.

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MOSES F. WILBUR. Among the hotels located north of Concord in New Hampshire, there are few that equal in appointments and service the Hotel Bristol, of the town of that name; and great credit is due to Mr. Wilbur, the subject of this sketch, for the splendid manner in which he conducts it, and for its high place in the estimation of the traveling public. It is commodious and roomy, and will accommodate 100 guests; it is fitted with all the modern improvements, such as steam heat, electric lights, and bells, and has a first-class livery and laundry in connection with it. It is situated twelve miles north of Franklin, N. H., and is only about a five minutes' walk from the Boston & Maine R. R. Station, while about two miles to the north is one of the finest summer resorts in New Hampshire, New Found Lake.

Moses F. Wilbur was born in Fremont, Rockingham Co., N. H., May 15, 1854, and is a son of Warren and Sarah (Sanborn) Wilbur, and grandson of Rev. Warren Wilbur.

Our subject's grandfather was a native of New Hampshire, and after completing his education, which was obtained in the district schools of his native town, engaged in pastoral work, as a minister of the Methodist faith. After several years, he relinquished that line of work and followed the trade of a shoemaker for a short time, and later engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he followed as long as his years and health would permit in the town of Fremont, N. H. He was twice married. By his first marriage he became the parent of four children: Mary; Betsey; Louise; and Warren, Jr., the father of the sub-

ject of this sketch. His second union resulted in the birth of three children: Sylvester, Benson, and Angeline.

Warren Wilbur was born in Fremont, N. H., March 25, 1826, and secured a district school education in the schools of that place, and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he followed all of the active period of his life, living his last years in Bristol, N. H. He was a Democrat politically. He married Sarah, daughter of John S. Sanborn of Fremont, N. H., and to them were given eight children: Huldah S. married Daniel B. Burley of Fremont, N. H., and has one child, Fred; John W. married Tavia Moulton of Bristol, N. H., and has one child, Harry J.; Moses, the subject of this sketch; Osman S. married Vira Norris of Hill, N. H.; Frank W. married Mamie Emerson; Charles E. married Jennie Nickerson of Cape Cod, Mass., and has two children, Pearl and Hattie; George M. married Jennie Clement of East Hiram, N. H.; and Hattie B., the youngest of the family. They favored the M. E. Church. Warren Wilbur died March, 1895.

Our subject received his education in the district and high schools of Bristol, and then learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, which he followed three years, when he engaged in job teaming for ten years. He then engaged in the livery business in Bristol, which he still continues. In 1889 he purchased the Hotel Bristol of Bristol, N. H., and has given his best efforts to give it a prominent place among the hostleries of the State, and has met with abundant success, which is measured by the large patronage he has from the traveling public, who like to stop there, sure of obtaining the very best of accommodations. He is a Democrat, and has held the office of sheriff four years, road agent five years. Socially he is a Mason, and belongs to Bristol Lodge, No. 79, of Bristol, N. H.; St. Omer Chapter of Franklin, N. H. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., Cardigan Lodge, No. 38, of Bristol.

Jan. 17, 1874, he was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Kate E. Sanborn, daughter of James T. and Sarah (Moulton) Sanborn of Bristol, N. H. To our subject and his wife has been born one child, Mabel L., born Sept. 16, 1881. The family are regular attendants of the Congregational Church of Bristol, N. H.







IRVING B. ANDREWS.

IRVING B. ANDREWS, a well-to-do citizen of Lisbon, N. H., who has been very successful in his business of lumber manufacturing, was born in Orange, N. H., Nov. 29, 1857. He is a son of Benjamin F. and Abbie (Sanborn) Andrews, and grandson of Samuel Andrews.

Samuel Andrews was born in Sutton, N. H., and was engaged in farming during the active period of his life in the town of Orange, N. H.; he was a leader in town affairs in his time. He was a firm Republican, and represented the town of Orange in the New Hampshire Legislature; he was also selectman and justice of the peace. He married a Miss Fowler, who was born in Sutton, N. H., and to them were born a large family of children, of whom Mrs. Tenny and Benjamin F. Andrews, the father of our subject, are the only ones living.

Benjamin F. Andrews was born in Sutton, N. H., March, 1827, and was educated in the schools of his neighborhood. When a young man he moved to Orange, N. H., where he engaged in the lumber business; later on he was in Canaan, N. H., in the same work. About 1890 he came to Lisbon, where he is now living in retirement. His wife was a daughter of Jonathan Sanborn of Canaan, N. H.; she bore him four children: Delbert O. married Ida Whittier of Enfield, N. H., and has one child, Ernest; Ralza E., a Congregational minister of Bangor, N. Y., married Clara Fernald of Canaan, N. H., and has three children, Lela, Ethel, and B. Fay; Ella D. married L. W. Cheney of Manchester, N. H., and has one child, Lera. The fourth child is Irving B., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Andrews died in 1892. They were Congregationalists in matters of church attendance. Benjamin F. Andrews represented the town of Orange in the Legislature and served in other town offices; served several years as selectman.

Irving B. Andrews was educated in the district schools of Orange, N. H., and took a higher course at the academy of Canaan Street. Later on he went through New Hampton Institute, and graduated in 1875. After his graduation he spent a short time in Colorado, returning east to go into the lumber business with his father in Canaan, N. H. In 1890 he came to Lisbon, N. H., where he is engaged in manufacturing lumber for the wholesale trade, shipping to the

eastern markets—Boston, Springfield, and Lowell, Mass., and other New England points. He owns and operates two saw and dressing mills, one in Franconia and one in Easton, N. H. He is also one of the directors of the Parker & Young Manufacturing Co. of Lisbon. He is a staunch Republican, and is at present a member of the school board of Lisbon. Mr. Andrews was married April, 1880, to C. Ella Knowlton, a daughter of Col. James S. Knowlton of Danbury, N. H. They had one child, Lyle S. J., born Feb. 27, 1881.

In 1891 he was united in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Lilla Davis, daughter of George W. Davis of Canaan, N. H. Mrs. Andrews is a graduate of Tilton Seminary, in the Class of 1889. Our subject's nuptials have been blessed with the birth of three children: Neal D., born May 15, 1892; Laurence, Nov. 23, 1893; and George I., Dec. 20, 1895. Both Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are members of the Congregational Church; Mr. Andrews is a trustee of the Congregational Society.

As a prominent citizen, and largely interested in manufacturing, we present Mr. Andrews's portrait on a preceding page.

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JAMES GORDON, a prosperous farmer and carpenter of Woodsville, N. H., was born in Shipton, Province of Quebec, Dec. 24, 1844, and is a son of John and Rhoda (Pope) Gordon, the former a farmer of Scotland, and the latter a native of Wheelock, Vt.

John Gordon came to this country from Scotland, when a young man, with all the push and energy of his native land, with the bright prospect of a promising future to lure him on. He was educated in the schools of his native country, and learned the trade of a baker, which he followed until forty years of age, when he turned his attention to the pursuit of agriculture, which he followed the remainder of the active period of his life. He served in the British Army. His wife, Rhoda Pope, bore him ten children, five of whom are now living: Theodora, Lorin, Frederick, Mary Ann; and James, the subject of this memoir. In his religious views he sided with the Established Church of England. He died



about the year 1876. His wife, the beloved mother of his children, preceded him in 1872.

James Gordon was educated under the Queen's Government in the schools of Shipton, Province of Quebec, removing to this country at the age of eighteen, and ever afterwards making the United States his home. At first he worked in several different localities, but finally settled down in Woodsville, N. H., where he bought a farm, working at his trade of carpentering in the fall and winter, and cultivating his farm the rest of the year. He devotes his excellent farm of about fifty acres principally to the raising of hay. In politics he is a Democrat, and is a hard worker in the interests of that party, but has never sought an office at its disposal. He has been united in marriage twice. His first wife he married in 1873; her name was Eva Burt of Wells River; she died in 1876. In 1877 he formed a second union with Jennie, daughter of Samuel and Gracia (Eames) Hancock of Woodsville, N. H., and by this second union have been born three children: Leslie J., Nina J., and Harold. They are regular attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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Z. N. HUTCHINS, the efficient and popular bookkeeper of the Bath Lumber Co., is a son of William V. and Martha (Newell) Hutchins, and grandson of James and Jane (Reed) Hutchins. James Hutchins spent the most of his life in the town of Bath, in what is called the Upper Village, where he carried on a general mercantile business. He was a leading man of the town, and served officially in various capacities; he was endowed with an uncommonly good intellect and common sense, and was often sought for advice. He married Jane Reed, who died at the age of eighty-nine. They reared a family of eight children. The eldest child, William V., the father of our subject, was born in Bath, where he was also reared and educated. Being of a business turn of mind, like his father, he also engaged in the mercantile business. He was quite fortunate in his enterprises, and was enabled to build the old brick store, and the stone residence now known as the Old Stone House, built in 1836, that still grace the streets of Bath. The mercantile business claimed his attention until

1848; from that time until his death he was not engaged in any particular business of an established nature. His wife, Martha Newell, bore him five children: Martha N.; James R.; William W.; Jane; and Zebina N., the subject of this sketch. They were orthodox in their religious views. William V. Hutchins was an old line Whig, and served as town clerk for twenty-five years to the general satisfaction of everyone.

Zebina N. Hutchins was born Nov. 6, 1831, in the town of Bath, N. H. His education was confined to what the public schools of his native town could furnish him. When nineteen years of age he began life's struggles; the first three years, when he depended on his own labor for daily bread, were spent in Boston at work. Returning to Bath, he lived there until 1856, when he went west, remaining in the new countries until 1861, when he again returned to Bath, where he has made his residence ever since. The few years previous to 1892 he was engaged with the Easton Lumber Co.; since that time he has been associated with the Bath Lumber Co., in the capacity of bookkeeper. Our subject is very well liked; his genial, warm-hearted nature cannot help but win him friends.

He was married, in 1863, to Emily P. Hibbard of Bath, who has borne him six children, five of whom are living; the record is as follows: Helen (deceased), Emily R., Martha, Grace E., Lena, and Annabel H. Mr. Hutchins is proud of his family and has good reason to be so, for the equals of his daughters in intellectual abilities are not often found. He is a Republican, and has served the town as its treasurer.

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HORACE F. DEMING, the leading general merchant of the village of Swiftwater, town of Bath, was born in Landaff, N. H., Jan. 8, 1857; his parents were Harvey Deming of Bath and Mary F. Elliott of Landaff, N. H. Baxter Deming, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of the town of Bath, receiving his education in the schools of that locality. He was an agriculturist, and followed his vocation all his life, utilizing the otherwise dull winter season in a profitable manner by engaging in the lumbering business, whenever his farm duties would permit. He was a loyal supporter of the Whig party, and

later on became a Republican; in his day there were few men in his vicinity who were considered as prominent and respected. He married Elenor Chamberlain, who was born in Bath, and to them was born a large family of children, among whom, Harvey, the father of Horace F., was one of the oldest. In religious views, our subject's grandparents were Congregationalists.

Harvey Deming was born on the farm, located in the western part of the town of Bath, which is now owned by his son, Ira E., an older brother of our subject. Born June 13, 1829, his youthful years were spent in much the same way as those of any boy, in going to the district school, and in helping in the "chores." Upon arriving at manhood's estate he seriously turned his attention to the pursuit of agriculture, which he assiduously followed until 1870. He then went to Concord, N. H., and engaged in the meat business, remaining in the Granite State capital for ten years. He then sold out and returned to Bath, buying the farm, where he was born, and which still remains in the Deming family. In 1889 he went to Lisbon, where he purchased a house and lot, and resided until the day of his death, which occurred in the month of January, 1892. In early manhood he was joined in matrimony with Mary F. Elliott of Landaff, N. H., and to them were born the following children to cheer their declining years: Ira E.; Horace F.; Nellie J., deceased; William H.; and Nellie G. They were liberal in their religious views. He was a Republican, but was not an aspirant for popular favor and offices.

Horace F. Deming received his education in the schools of Landaff and of Concord, and drove the meat wagon for his father in his younger years, while his father kept a meat shop in Concord. In 1876 he returned to Bath, N. H., and engaged in the pursuit of agriculture for six years. He then went to Landaff, N. H., and in 1886 moved to Lisbon, N. H., where he worked for the Parker & Young Co., remaining in the employ of that firm until 1891. His next business venture was in the lumber business in partnership with his brother; this continued only for a short time, our subject entering the employ of J. K. Atwood of Lisbon, working in a bobbin mill until 1895. He then moved to Swiftwater, N. H., purchased the store and stock of G. B. Noyes's estate, where he has since been success-

fully engaged in a general mercantile business. His strict integrity and courteous dealings with his patrons have built up for him more than anything else an enviable country trade. Although he is a staunch Republican, yet his marked business ability and prominence in the community caused his appointment by a Democratic administration, July 20, 1895, to the Federal office of postmaster, a position he still retains.

March 15, 1882, he was joined in the bonds of matrimony to Ella Williams, daughter of Lorenzo D. and Susan (Scales) Williams of Landaff, N. H., and their nuptials have been blessed by the birth of three children, namely: Florence M., born Feb. 11, 1883; Mabel Marjorie, June 30, 1885; and Maud S., Sept. 19, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Deming are faithful attendants of the M. E. Church of Swiftwater, N. H.

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JOHN A. FAVOR, proprietor of a first-class livery of Bristol, N. H., was born in Weare, this State, March 15, 1862, and is a son of Almon M., and Mary (Beede) Favor, and grandson of William Favor.

William Favor was a native of Weare and a farmer by occupation. In his political belief he is a staunch Democrat. He married Betsey Worthley of the town of Weare, and to them were born the following children: Almon M.; Nathan; Orrin C.; Asa; John B.; and one who died in infancy.

Almon M. Favor secured his education in the schools of his native town of Weare, and followed agricultural pursuits all the active years of his life in that town. Like his father he was a Democrat. He married Mary R. Beede, daughter of Taylor Beede of Hebron, N. H., and became the parent of six children: John A.; Oreste G.; Anson L.; Lucy M.; Sylvia A.; and Willie B., deceased. Our subject's parents were members of the M. E. Church.

John A. Favor, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the schools of Hebron, N. H., and at New Hampton Institute of New Hampton, and after completing his education worked as a machine hand in a paper-mill for ten years; he then located in Bristol, N. H., buying out the livery business of La Forest Ballou, and has since con-



tinued in that line of business, which he has found very profitable. He has a fine assortment of horses and carriages, and has both night and day employees for the accommodation of his numerous patrons. His business is conducted in a thoroughly systematic manner, and he is very popular with those who have occasion to deal with him.

In 1890 he married Nora V. Griffith of Bristol, N. H., and their union has been blessed with one child, Corinne, born Oct. 31, 1895. He is a Republican in politics, and he and his wife are attendants and loyal supporters of the Congregational Church.

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JOHN F. MORSE, a leading member of the agricultural calling of the town of Bath, N. H., is the son of Moses N. Morse, grandson of Stephen Morse, and great-grandson of James Morse.

Stephen Morse was born in Old Haverhill, Mass., in 1750, and came to Haverhill, N. H., in 1796. He was an expert carpenter and joiner by trade, recognizing few members of that trade as his superiors. He made carpentry work the main source of his income throughout his life, although owning and operating a farm, after his removal to Haverhill. His death occurred in 1836. He married Sarah Bayley, who was ushered into this world in 1750, departing it in 1825. They were both conscientious members of the Congregational Church, and were ever ready with the best of their means in aiding a worthy cause. Mr. Morse was a deacon for a number of years. He served the town officially for many years as the town collector. Seven children owe their being to this union: Elizabeth N., Stephen B., Sally, Moses N., Joseph, Clarissa, and Sophia.

The second son of Stephen Morse, Moses N., was born in 1784, in Newburyport, and came to Haverhill, N. H., with his parents. The first few years of his school life were spent in the schools of Newburyport; he finished his education in the educational institutions of Haverhill. At an early age he adopted his father's trade, and followed it steadily during his younger days. He succeeded to the ownership of the homestead, and lived on it, engaged in pursuits of an agricultural nature for the most

part until his death, in 1859. In politics he was an old line Whig, and supported its candidates and tenets with hearty enthusiasm. He married Hannah G., daughter of John Sanborn of Haverhill, N. H. She was born in 1786, and passed away to the blissful realms beyond the grave in 1861. They were Congregationalists in religious belief. Their children numbered ten, and were as follows: Alden E.; Mary; Hazen S.; Sophia (Barron); Mary A. (Smith); Moses B.; Susan K. (Carleton); Hannah S.; Stephen S.; and John F., the subject of this brief memoir.

John F. Morse was born June 8, 1828, on the old homestead in the town of Haverhill, N. H., and received his mental training in his native town. A short period after the completion of his education was spent in Hopkinton, Mass., where he received word of his parents' failing health, and with true filial piety returned to ease their last moments.

He was married, in 1850, to Ruby, daughter of Carleton Johnson of Bath, N. H. She was taken from him three years after, in 1853, at the age of twenty-two. In 1854 he was again joined in marriage, the bride being Susan W. Johnson, a sister of his former spouse. He was engaged wholly in agricultural pursuits until 1869, when he moved to Lisbon, N. H., and followed trading for fifteen years. In 1882 he changed his residence to a fine farm in Bath, which he has since cultivated with the greatest degree of success.

He is a Republican and takes a personal interest in local affairs; he has never chosen to run for any office in the gift of his townspeople.

Two children have been born to him, both of them boys. Harry M. was reared and educated in Lisbon, and studied law under Judge Rand; his residence is in Littleton, N. H. He married Helen Oaks. Frank O. also passed his youthful days in Lisbon, and is now engaged as clerk in the Bay State National Bank of Lawrence, Mass. He married Mary E. Stearns, and has two children by this marriage: Susan and Stearns.

Fortune has treated Mr. Morse very kindly; he has a large farm of excellent quality, and well adapted for general farming. He is a good, upright citizen, and always has the welfare of the town at heart. He has won golden opinions of all men for his almost faultless bearing in all matters, whether private, social, religious, or political.



JOHN A. FULLER, postmaster and a leading general merchant of Lyman, N. H., was born in Wrentham, Mass., Jan. 25, 1865; he is a son of George and Angenette (Ruggles) Fuller, and a grandson of John Fuller.

Our subject's grandfather married Eleanor Hartshorn, and to them were born five children: John L., George, Henry A., Charles, and Albert. They were Congregationalists in religious belief.

George Fuller, after the completion of a common school education in the schools of West Dedham, engaged in the manufacture of furniture, but later transferred his attention to undertaking, which he worked at the greater portion of his period of active work. Both Dedham and Franklin, Mass., were places of his residence at different portions of his career. He was a strong Republican politically. His wife was a daughter of Oliver and Lucinda Jilson (Cobb) Ruggles, both natives of Wrentham, Mass. In George Fuller's family there were the following children: George O.; Charles H.; Ida A.; Bertha M.; Nelson J.; Emma R.; Mary, deceased; Lizzie; and two, who died in infancy. They were faithful attendants of the Congregational Church.

John A. Fuller completed his education in the High School of Wrentham, and then worked in the furniture and undertaking business in Franklin for two years, after which he was employed by the O. M. Bassett Co. of Franklin, Mass., in their straw hat factory for two years. Next, in company with his brother, Charles H. Fuller, he started an express business in Pawtucket, R. I., and ran it for one year, selling out to Aldrich & Lathem, for whom he managed the business for three years. He was then employed by the H. G. Aldrich Express Co. for one year, and worked for the Pawtucket Street R. R. as one of its conductors for three years and a half. In 1892 he moved to the town of Lyman, N. H., where he engaged in the mercantile business, which he has managed to make quite profitable. In 1893 he was appointed by President Cleveland postmaster of Lyman, a position he has held with the greatest credit to himself and to the general public. He has ever made it a point to be accommodating in all his dealings with his patrons and the public, and in this way we may account for his great popularity and the esteem in which he is held. He is a Republican, but such is the

measure of respect in which he is held, that he was helped to the position by some of the leading Democrats of the town. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias organization of Pawtucket, R. I., and also belongs to Lyman Grange, No. 237.

On Oct. 5, 1886, his nuptials with Emilie R. Woolson of Lyman were consummated. She is a daughter of Charles and Alzina (Bishop) Woolson, both of whom were born in the town of Lisbon, N. H. Two children have blessed our subject's marriage: John A., Jr., born Nov. 14, 1887; and Howard E., July 12, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller attend the Union Church of Lyman, N. H.

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FRANK K. WOODMAN, now in the employ of A. N. Blandin of Bath, N. H., was born in the above-mentioned town, Aug. 24, 1863, and is a son of Kimball F. and Susan H. (Hutchins) Woodman, whose sketch may be found on another page, grandson of Nathaniel and Betsey (Kimball) Woodman, and great-grandson of Jacob Woodman, who was an English emigrant. He made his home in Durham, Mass., where he cultivated a large farm; he received the rank and commission of colonel for services in the War of 1812. Nathaniel Woodman, his son, was a currier and a shoemaker by trade, also operating a farm. He finally became a resident of Bath, after living a time at West Thornton. Kimball F. Woodman, our subject's father, has been engaged the most of his active life in the manufacture of wagon and sleigh stock, such as spokes, hubs, felloes, and similar articles. Of late, however, because of failing health, he has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of Bath, N. H., going from there to assume a position as clerk in a hotel at Wells River, Vt. He remained there three years in that capacity, and then went to Woodsville, N. H., where he accepted a like position in the hotel. This position he held down with satisfaction for four years when he went to the Upper Village of the town of Bath, in 1886, and has since been in the employ of A. N. Blandin of the Bath Lumber Co. He has been engaged in general farm work. He

married Catherine M., daughter of Simon and Catherine (McMorin) Beattie. Mrs. Woodman's parents were both natives of Scotland. Arthur B. Woodman is the only child of our subject; he was born Aug. 19, 1889, and is now attending school. In his political preferences Mr. Woodman is a pronounced Democrat, and never loses any legitimate opportunity to benefit the party of his choice. In their religious views Mr. Woodman and wife have leanings toward the Congregational Church, and may be found among its regular attendants and staunch supporters. Socially Mr. Woodman belongs to Concordia Lodge, No. 64, I. O. O. F., of Lisbon; and Court Parker Lodge, Independent Order of Foresters, also of Lisbon, N. H. Both he and his wife are members of the Gertrude Belle Lyman Lodge, No. 36, Rebeccas. Mr. Woodman has also taken the Encampment degrees, I. O. O. F.

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DANIEL J. WHITCHER, an extensive lumber dealer of Easton, N. H., was born in the town of Landaff, N. H., Feb. 2, 1849; he is a son of Samuel and Emily (Quimby) Whitcher, and grandson of William and Mary (Noyes) Whitcher.

The grandfather of our subject was born May 23, 1783, and settled in Benton, N. H., when he took upon himself the responsibility of his own support; he engaged in farming and lumbering, and followed those occupations all his life. His wife, with whom he was joined in marriage Feb. 15, 1807, was a daughter of Samuel Noyes of Landaff, N. H.; she bore him the large family of sixteen children: Moses, born Dec. 26, 1807; William, Dec. 26, 1808; Amos, May 18, 1810; Louisa, Dec. 22, 1811; Winthrop C., Feb. 18, 1813; Samuel, Aug. 24, 1814; Ira, Dec. 2, 1815; Sarah, May 25, 1817; Hannah, April 4, 1819; James, Oct. 1, 1820; Chase, Jan. 20, 1822; Mary, Oct. 28, 1823; Susan, May 20, 1825; Daniel, Jan. 20, 1827; David, June 17, 1828; and Phebe, Feb. 24, 1831. He was a Baptist in religion, a Democrat in politics, and held the office of justice of the peace for a number of years.

Samuel Whitcher was born in Benton, N. H., Aug. 24, 1814, received his education in the schools of his native place, and when he took up

business for himself, dropped into the same lines in which his father was operating, becoming a farmer and a lumberman, making the town of Landaff his place of residence through the active portion of his life. His wife was a daughter of Joshua and Lydia (Jesseman) Quimby, who were prominent and well known in the town of Lisbon, N. H. Six children were born to our subject's parents, as follows: Lydia E., born June 22, 1841; Betsey S., Feb. 5, 1844; David S., Nov. 30, 1846; Daniel J., the subject of this sketch, born Feb. 2, 1849; Charles O., Nov. 21, 1852; and Susan, April 20, 1859. Lydia E. married W. H. Polley of Quebec, Canada; they had one child, which is now in the regions above; he was named Willie F. Betsey S. married William Kendall of Benton. Charles O. married Josie E. Kimball of Franklin, N. H., and has one child, Kate D. Susan married George H. Clark of Benton. The father of our subject passed to his reward Oct. 8, 1879. Samuel Whitcher was a Democrat, and a Universalist in his religious views; her death took place May 5, 1888.

Daniel J. Whitcher was educated in the common schools of Landaff and Sanbornton Bridge (now Tilton), finishing in New Hampton Institute, and then worked in the lumbering business for his father for one year. In company with his brother-in-law, William Kendall, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume, he started out in business for himself in the town of Landaff, engaging in the lumber business. After disposing of his trade, in 1892, to the Fall Mountain Paper Co., he moved to his present home in 1894. Since that year, in connection with his farming, he has been engaged in developing a large lumbering business, which has already rewarded his efforts handsomely. He owns and operates a saw-mill and shingle-mill. His product is sold to the Parker & Young Co., of Lisbon, N. H., besides what is sold to the local trade and to Manchester and Concord. He is a Democrat, and has represented the towns of Landaff and Easton in the legislative halls of Concord, N. H., in 1878. He has also served with efficiency as town clerk and treasurer.

In the month of February, 1894, he was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony to Pheeb P. Whitcher, daughter of Moses and Julia E. (Bronson) Whitcher. They are liberal in their religious views.







ELBERT HEWITT.

ELBERT HEWITT, now a resident of Lebanon, but until recently a much-respected citizen and farmer of the town of Hanover, N. H., where his farm was located on Prospect Hill, is the son of Lucian and Lucy M. (Bartholomew) Hewitt.

The first prominent member of the Hewitt family in the Colonies was Col. Henry Hewitt, who was born in Stonington, Conn., in 1705; he married Mercy Graham, granddaughter of John Howland of the Mayflower, whose line runs back to John Denison of County Herts, England, who was born about 1550.

Increase Hewitt, son of Col. Henry and Mercy (Graham) Hewitt, was the father of Henry Hewitt, who is the grandfather of our subject. Henry Hewitt was born May 25, 1782, and died Oct. 23, 1847. He came from Connecticut as one of the pioneers of the Green Mountain State. He was a powerful man, physically, and was six feet four inches in height. He married Hannah Bugbee, daughter of Abial Bugbee; she was born Sept. 8, 1783, and died Nov. 22, 1858.

Lucian Hewitt, son of Henry, was a tall, muscular man, like his father. He was born in Pomfret, Vt., Feb. 25, 1814, and died in his sixty-first year in his native town, having lived there all his life, mainly engaged in farming. He was a teacher many years of his life, as were all of his brothers and sisters except one; he was self-taught, and acquired a fine knowledge of algebra all by himself with no instruction; he was reputed to be one of the best mathematicians of the State of Vermont. His teaching extended over a period of forty school terms. He was a Universalist in religious belief. His wife, Lucy M. Bartholomew, was the second of seven children born to Luther and Fannie (Fox) Bartholomew. Luther Bartholomew was a farmer by occupation and lived in Barnet, Vt., where he died; he was a member of the M. E. Church; held many offices; was selectman, overseer of the poor, lister, constable, and tax collector.

Our subject's boyhood days were spent in Pomfret, Vt., where he was born July 30, 1843; he attended the district schools until the outbreak of the war, and after his return attended one term at Royalton Academy at Royalton, Vt. April 7, 1862, he enlisted in Co. F., afterwards transferred to Co. A., 17th Reg. U. S. Inf., at West Lebanon, N. H., serving until May 15,

1864. He was wounded in the left breast at the Second Battle of Bull Run, but would not leave his company until they reached South Mountain and Antietam, in which engagements he participated. He then had typhoid fever, and when he was sickest the army moved, and he was sent to the hospital at Frederick City, and when convalescent was sent to the convalescent camp near by. When he was strong enough to travel he came home, but was exposed to measles on the way and very nearly died with them. Upon his recovery he was dispatched to Fort Preble, Me., where he received his discharge and came home in May, 1864. Under the influence of home and home comforts he grew so much stronger that in August, 1864, he re-enlisted in Co. C., 6th Reg. Vt. Vol. Inf., and was gone from the State only twenty-four days when he received a wound. He was struck in the face by a piece of a shell, which killed his next comrade and wounded seven others; he was left on the field for dead, but he finally returned to consciousness and recovered enough strength to get up and make for the rear. His lower jaw was broken in three places, half of his upper jaw split off, and all the teeth shot out. By the most skillful surgery the flesh from his face was drawn together, making new lips, and the once dreadful-appearing wound is now scarcely noticeable. Three operations were performed on his jaw in the hospital to bring about the desired end. He was mustered out in June, 1865, and came home. By special act of Congress he now receives \$40 per month as part compensation for his sufferings.

Mr. Hewitt was married Jan. 1, 1867, at Lebanon, N. H., to Augusta A. Merrill, daughter of Alvin I. and Augusta A. (Wright) Merrill. Two children were born to our subject and his wife. May Augusta married Edwin P. Merrill, and has four children: Alice M., who died in infancy; Leland Stanford; Lester Edwin; and Frances A. Charles Elbert married Frances L. Warden; he is in business in Newburgh, N. Y., as an electrical engineer; he is a graduate of Dartmouth College and a post-graduate of Cornell University of Ithaca, N. Y. His wife is a daughter of Andrew and Frances L. (Flint) Warden.

After the war was over our subject lived in Hanover two years, and in Lebanon seven years.

He is an expert cabinet-maker, and worked one year in Brattleboro in the Estey Organ Shops. In 1875 he came to Aetna, town of Hanover, and lived there four years. In 1879 he moved to his farm of 100 acres, which he sold, and purchased a home on Summer Street, village of Lebanon, N. H.

On a preceding page will be found a finely finished portrait of Mr. Hewitt.

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JOSHUA NUTTER, a prosperous blacksmith and wheelwright, engaged in the manufacture of heavy wagons, sleighs, etc., in Swiftwater, town of Bath, was born in Bath, Nov. 7, 1861. His father was Joshua M. Nutter of Portsmouth, and his mother Sarah Heath of Haverhill. The Nutter family is of English origin, and is able to trace the line through eight generations, beginning with Elder Hatevil Nutter, who was born in England in 1603, and married Annie ——. The second in the line of descent, Lieut. Anthony Nutter, was born in 1630, and married Sarah Langstaff. Hatevil Nutter married Sarah Thurber. John Nutter, born in 1721, married Annie Sims, who was born in 1727; they were married in 1747. John Nutter, Jr., born in 1757, married Elizabeth Dam, who was born in 1758. Joseph Nutter, born in 1787, married Phebe Hoyt, who was born in 1789. The seventh generation is represented in the father of our subject, Joshua M. Nutter, who was born in 1818, and married Sarah Heath, who was born in 1828. Joshua Nutter, the subject of this sketch, and the son of the foregoing couple, is a member of the eighth generation.

Joseph S. Nutter, the grandfather of our subject, born in Barnstead, N. H., moved to Portsmouth, upon the completion of his education in his native town. In New Hampshire's seaport he entered upon a lime, lumber, and wood business; in the prosecution of his work and in the enlarging of his facilities he purchased and utilized a wharf. Among the business men of the city he was counted as one of the leaders; he retained his prominent place in the world of trade to the very last of his years of activity. His wife, Phebe Hoyt, bore him the following children: Lucy A., Joseph S., Charlotte E., Joshua M., and

Mary R. They were Universalists in their religious belief.

Joshua M. Nutter owed his education to the public schools of Portsmouth, N. H.; upon leaving school, he clerked in a general merchandise store in his native town. He then went to Boston, Mass., and clerked in a grocery store there, and afterwards in Cambridge of the same State. About 1848 our subject's father moved to Newington, N. H., bought a farm, and spent the remainder of his years in tilling the soil. He affiliated politically with the Democratic party. He married Sarah Heath, daughter of Isaac and Harriet (Willis) Heath of Haverhill, N. H., and to them were born twelve children, among whom those living to-day are: Joseph M., William S., Sarah H., Joshua, Corinne H., Nathan H., James H. Those deceased number the following five persons: Phebe S., Isaac H., Nathan, Charlotte P., and McClellan. The family were Unitarians in religious belief.

Joshua Nutter, the subject of this memoir, was furnished with a limited education, acquired in the district schools of Bath, N. H., and learned the blacksmith's trade at an early date of G. W. Libby of Haverhill, but only remained with Mr. Libby four months, and then engaged with Harry Libby of Orford for the following five months. He then, with the experience thus obtained, opened a shop on the site of his present factory, and there did a thriving business from the first, and never lacked custom. For the first year his work netted him the very comfortable sum of \$700.00, which was considered very good at that time for a country shop. His yearly earnings vary now from \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00. His work consists in the manufacture of heavy wagons, sleds, etc., besides what he does in the way of repairs and general blacksmithing; his wagons and sleds have acquired a wide reputation for excellence in Grafton Co. and throughout the States of New Hampshire and Vermont. He is a young man of exceptional push and business enterprise, and a well-merited success has crowned his efforts.

In August, 1885, he married Mina Prescott, daughter of Asa P. and Ann (Ball) Prescott of Bath, N. H., and to them have been given four children to train and rear; they are: Hortense C.; Charlotte G.; Asa P.; and an infant daughter as yet unnamed. The family are Unitarians.



HON. ELKANAH H. GOODNOW, former proprietor and manager of what is now the Franconia Inn at Sugar Hill, Lisbon township, N. H., but now retired to the seclusion and quiet of his farm, was born in the town of Lisbon, N. H., May 9, 1840. He is a son of Elliott F. and Persis (Morse) Goodnow.

Abel Goodnow, the grandfather of Elkanah H., was born and lived in the State of Vermont, where he followed the pursuit of agriculture all his life. They raised a large family of children, of whom we are able to state nothing except that Elliott F., the father of our subject, was the youngest of the sons; he was born May 6, 1812, in Windham Co., Vt.

This son, Elliott F., was educated in the schools of his native town, and was engaged in farming all of his life. He owned and operated a large farm in the town of Lisbon on what is now known as Sugar Hill; among his neighbors he held a high place, and was held in universal esteem. He was a stanch Democrat, but never aspired to any political office, of whatever character. His wife, Persis, was a daughter of Farnham Morse of Methuen, Mass.; there were born to them seven children: Maria, Lucetta, Elkanah H., Abel, Freeman, John, Myron, and Harriet. Mr. Goodnow departed this life Dec. 24, 1871; his wife survived him about fifteen years, dying Sept. 1, 1886. They were members of the Free Will Baptist Church of Sugar Hill, Lisbon.

Our subject, after attending the schools of Lisbon in his boyhood, was engaged in farming until 1868, when he commenced keeping summer boarders. The business gradually increased, and in 1874, Mrs. Messenger of Brooklyn, N. Y., and her friends became interested in it, because of the location and the surrounding scenery; they boarded at the Goodnow farm-house, which was owned by our subject; the house accommodated about twenty guests, but they soon became cramped for want of room, for the business had taken on a very prosperous appearance. Through Mr. J. W. Peckett, the idea of building a Sugar Hill hotel was conceived; this was the first step in making Sugar Hill the popular summer resort it has become. The new hotel, the parent of all subsequent hotels at Sugar Hill, was built in the fall of 1874, and christened the Goodnow House. It at once sprung into the favor of those seeking pleasure, rest, and recreation among the granite

hills of New Hampshire, and took its place among the longer established White Mountain resorts. On the change of management, in 1892, the name was changed from Goodnow House to Franconia Inn. Those who had known Mr. Goodnow as a model host for so many years, regretted very much his retirement, on account of failing health; he was very well known among the hotel men of the State, and was much thought of as one of the pioneers in the matter of keeping pleasant and profitable summer hotels.

In October, 1863, he was joined in matrimony with Mira Knight, daughter of James and Ellen (Howard) Knight of Franconia, N. H. They are liberal in their religious views, and although members of no church, they contribute to the support of churches of any and every denomination. Mr. Goodnow is a Democrat, and represented the town of Lisbon in the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire in 1885-86. He was also a member of the board of supervisors two terms.

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HIRAM S. BOWLES, a prominent citizen and leading blacksmith of the town of Easton, Grafton Co., N. H., was born in East Landaff (now Easton), N. H., Oct. 20, 1856. He is a son of Alonzo B. and Evaline (Stewart) Bowles, and grandson of Elijah Bowles, who followed the calling of a farmer throughout his life in his native town of Easton, N. H.

Alonzo Bowles, the father of the subject of this sketch, after securing a common school education, turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and held to his calling during all the years of his active life. Being a man of marked ability and strongly marked characteristics, he became very successful in his business, and accumulated a comfortable competence; among his associates he was well liked, and deservedly popular. He was an unyielding Democrat, but did not seek nor desire office. His wife bore him the following eight children: Merick, Georgiana, Louvanah, Hiram S., Myron C., Martha, Orin G., and Fred H. They were earnest supporters of the Advent Church.

Hiram S. Bowles obtained his schooling in the district schools of Landaff, and at early age

worked in a hotel at Sugar Hill, known as the Sunset Hill House, owned and operated by Bowles & Hoskins, for ten years. He then moved to his present home in Easton, N. H., where he does expert construction and repair work in blacksmithing and in work pertaining to the wheelwright's trade. He is a Democrat, and administers the law in civil cases as a justice of the peace.

Oct. 13, 1881, he was joined in wedlock with Florence Bowles, daughter of Kirk and Marrilla (Cooley) Bowles, the former of Franconia, and the latter from Benton, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Bowles have been blessed with the birth of one child, Gladys M., born Oct. 14, 1891. Our subject and his wife are liberal in their religious views, and are not bound to any church in particular.

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CHARLES A. YOUNG, a prosperous lumberman of Easton, N. H., who, although quite young, has built up a remarkably large and flourishing business in lumber, was born in East Landaff (now Easton), N. H., March 7, 1858. He is a son of Timothy B. and Mary M. (Keyes) Young, the latter of Manchester, N. H.

Caleb Young, the grandfather of Charles A., was born in the Province of Quebec; he was a farmer by occupation, and came to Landaff when a young man, settling on the farm, now owned by the father of our subject, and leading an entirely rural life the remainder of his days. He was a Democrat in respect to his political views. He married Athildred Bowles, daughter of Timothy Bowles of Lisbon, N. H., and to them were born thirteen children, as follows: Maria; Betsey; Walter; Timothy; George; William; Celia; Ellen; Flora; Rufus; Warren; Elvira; and one, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Young were consistent members and liberal supporters of the M. E. Church.

Timothy Young, the second son of Caleb Young, was born Nov. 13, 1832, and was educated in the district schools of that part of Landaff township now known as Easton; his education completed, he worked for a number of years as a farm hand, and then learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, which he has made the chief

means of support during the rest of his life. He is a Democrat, and has served as selectman for a number of years, holding that office as late as 1894; he has also been a justice of the peace. On Jan. 10, 1856, he was united with Mary M. Keyes, daughter of Amasa and Sarah (Favor) Keyes, and to them were born six children, namely: Charles A., born March 7, 1858; Edson M., Jan. 21, 1860; Alice M., Dec. 10, 1861; Hattie A., Oct. 6, 1864; Frank W., April 16, 1867; and Alfred T., Nov. 5, 1870. Edson M. married Mary Page of Lisbon, and they have one child, Millard P. Alice M. married Joel W. Brown of Melrose, Mass.; she died at Colorado Springs, Sept. 21, 1894. Frank W. married Nellie Pease of Franconia, N. H., and has one child, Harold. Alfred T. married Mary L. Poor of Landaff, N. H.; they have one child, Roscoe A.

Charles A. Young was educated in the district schools of Landaff and Easton, and took a one year's course in the New Hampton Institute. His first venture in the business world was to make a contract with the Parker-Young Co. of Lisbon, N. H., agreeing to saw one million feet of lumber; after satisfactorily fulfilling the contract, Mr. Young engaged in the lumber business on his own account. He now owns and operates a steam saw-mill, which has a capacity of cutting two million feet of lumber annually; he also owns about 1,000 acres of timber and pasture land. The finished product of his mill he disposes of to local and eastern markets. In politics he is a local leader in the Democratic party, and has served as town clerk; he was postmaster under both of Cleveland's administrations, and also Harrison's; during that time he was also carrying on a general mercantile business in his store in Easton, and there he kept the post-office. When he sold out, in 1894, to Mr. Lynch, that gentleman assumed the duties of the postmastership, and is still the incumbent.

June 26, 1888, Mr. Young married Hattie C. Poor, daughter of Adams M. and Jane (Clough) Poor of Landaff, and to them was born one child, Harry K., born March 2, 1893. Mrs. Young succumbed to the dread power of the Angel of Death a few days after the birth of the child, on March 11, 1893. Mr. Young is liberal in his religious views.

It is quite noticeable that Mr. Young and each of his brothers have a child, each being a son.



HON. NATHANIEL W. CHENEY, postmaster of the town of Franconia, N. H., and one of its prominent citizens, was born in Sutton, N. H., Jan. 23, 1824. He is a son of Thomas and Mehitabel (Wadleigh) Cheney, and grandson of Nathaniel Cheney, who was a native of Hampstead, N. H., where he spent his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was widely known as one who was always strictly honest in all his dealings, a reputation that is surely worth having. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, in which he fought for three years. He married Mary Stevens of Hampstead, N. H., and to them were born the following children: Daniel, Waite, Nathaniel, Timothy, Thomas, Silas, Caleb, Mary, and Polly. Mary Cheney married Asa King of Whitefield, N. H.; and Polly married a Mr. Morrill. The family were liberal in their religious belief.

Thomas Cheney, the father of our subject, was educated in the common schools of Sutton, N. H., and learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, which remained his vocation throughout the active period of his life; in his later years he was a contractor. In his political affiliations, he was first a Democrat, and then a Whig. When the call for volunteers was issued in the War of 1812 he responded and enlisted; in the campaign following he received such injuries as to procure him a discharge. His wife, Mehitabel, was a daughter of Thomas Wadleigh, who was one of four brothers, who came from England and settled in Sutton, N. H.; these brothers became very prominent in their respective communities, one becoming a judge and State representative. Two children were born to Mr. Cheney by this, his first marriage: Miriam, deceased; and Nathaniel W., the subject of this sketch. After his first wife's death he formed a second union with Sally Rowell of Sutton, N. H.; this was productive of five children: Charles, Mary, Abram, Sarah, and Ralph A. In respect to their religious belief they were Adventists.

Nathaniel W. Cheney began his education in the district schools of Sutton, and finished by taking a higher course of instruction at Hancock Academy, and also at Unity Scientific Institution of Unity, N. H. He then became a school teacher, and up to the year 1873 he was engaged in his profession in various towns of New Hampshire. In 1869 and 1870 he represented the

town of Franconia in the legislative halls of Concord, and proved himself to be a man who was thoroughly capable of holding that position. In 1873 he was elected registrar of deeds, and held that position two years. In his political belief he is a stanch Democrat; he was appointed postmaster by the Democratic administration, Oct. 14, 1893, and is still the incumbent. He has also served the town as selectman.

He has twice entered the state of matrimony. In 1846 he was joined at the altar with Rebecca Wilson of Benton, N. H., and from this union two children, Emma and Flora, were the result; the latter married Harry W. Priest of Franconia, N. H. Mrs. Cheney died in August, 1863. He then took for his wife Mrs. Agnes M. (Spurr) Hopkins of Chelsea, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Cheney are inclined toward the Universalist Church.

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WILLIAM B. HURD, a prosperous and influential farmer of the town of Lyman, N. H., was born in Littleton, N. H., Sept. 27, 1834; he is a son of Timothy B. and Eliza G. (Partridge) Hurd, the former of Bath, and the latter a native of Littleton, N. H. The father of our subject, who was born in 1797, learned the trade of a clothier, and carded wool and dressed cloth in Lyman, N. H., until 1846, when he purchased the farm now owned by his son, William B., and thereafter led an agricultural life. He was a Republican, and was elected to the office of selectman on several different occasions, fulfilling the duties of said office in a very creditable and satisfactory manner. In 1829 he married Eliza G. Partridge, a daughter of Nathaniel and Persis (Goodall) Partridge of Littleton, N. H., and to them were given three children. The eldest, Eliza, married Russell Underwood of St. Johnsbury, Vt., and has four children: Timothy H., Edgar R., Lizzie, and Ines. Persis A. married Warren McIntire of Littleton, N. H., and has reared a family of four children: Harry H., Harvey H., Anna, and Ardell. Mrs. Hurd was a member of the M. E. Church; her husband was liberal in his religious views, and did not belong to any church organization.

William B. Hurd, the youngest child of his parents, was educated in the common schools of



Lyman, and worked on the home farm, where he has spent his life in the pursuits of agriculture. He is thoroughly acquainted with the best methods of farming, ready to discard an old and worn-out theory for one that is up-to-date and practical. He has been honored with an election to the board of selectman for two years. By his first wife, Harriet E. Kenerson of Peacham, Vt., whom he married in 1856, he had six children: Harriet E. married Arthur Aldrich, and has one child, Ervill; Nellie C.; Myra F. married Harvey Lewis, whom she has presented with six children; Cyrus, Royal, Alice, Grace, Nellie, and Bell; Eliza E. married Ervin Prescott, and has one child, Ervin, Jr.; Tina B.; and Willie E., now deceased. Mrs. Hurd died Jan. 23, 1894. April 17, 1895, he formed a second union with Julia O. Jackson of Littleton, N. H. Mr. Hurd is liberal in his religious views; his wife is a member of the M. E. Church of Littleton, N. H.

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REV. JOHN F. OLIN, town clerk of Lyman, N. H., and a prosperous farmer of that place, was born in Moultonboro, N. H. He is a son of Rev. Charles and Betsey B. (Mann) Olin. The ancestors of our subject were of Welch origin, and the name was originally spelled Llewellyn. The great-grandfather of our subject came from Rhode Island, and settled in Vermont. Reuben Olin, the grandfather of John F., was born in Guilford, Vt., where he identified himself with the farming community of that place, and was regarded as a very able man. He married Hannah Nichols, and to them were born the following children: John, Rachel, Nancy, Charles, Ruth, George, Sarah, Calvin, and Lucinda. They were somewhat liberal in their religious belief, and did not unite with any church.

Rev. Charles Olin was born June 11, 1809, and received a common school education in the schools of Guilford, Vt.; having fitted himself for the ministry, he became what was termed a circuit preacher, holding services in several towns of Vermont. He was a member of the Vermont M. E. Conference, and afterwards of the New Hampshire Conference. After twenty years of circuit work he settled down to local preaching.

At the age of fifty-two, in 1861, such was his patriotism and love of country and right, he enlisted for the preservation of the Union, in Co. I, 7th N. H. Vol. Inf., and served until the spring of 1863. While in the army he contracted yellow fever, from the effects of which he never fully recovered; he died in 1884. He was joined in marriage with Betsey Mann, daughter of Obadiah Mann of Raymond, Me., Oct. 3, 1837; their union resulted in the birth of the following children: Hester A.; Charles W.; John F.; Thomas C.; Celia; and a child, who died in infancy. Mrs. Olin still survives her husband, and lives with her son, John F. Olin.

Rev. John F. Olin, upon the completion of his education in the schools of Moultonboro, N. H., applied himself to box-making and to learning the carpenter's trade. He also worked in an iron furnace, having charge of the cupola iron furnace at Lakeport, N. H., where he remained about three years. He then moved to Stamstead, Province of Quebec, and learned the tinsmith's trade, and carried on a highly prosperous business for about eight years. At this time he gave up business life and entered the ministry to preach the Gospel. He took charge of his first pastorate in 1884, at South Columbia, N. H., achieving good success, allying himself with the Methodist denomination. In 1888 he moved to Lyman, N. H., and preached the blessed news of salvation to all until 1894. He characterized his ministry with a simple and convincing earnestness, that was the means of bringing souls to repentance, and to believe on the Lamb who was slain that we might live. His private life, noble and almost without fault, has been useful as an example and a guide to the erring one who has been trying to lead a better life. Since his retirement from the ministry he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he has found to be quite profitable. He is a Prohibitionist in political belief, and has served in the past as a member of the school board, and as a trustee of the public library; at present he is filling out his term as town clerk of Lyman.

In 1872 he was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony with Orpha E. Alexander, daughter of Arba Alexander of Farnham, Province of Quebec. Their union has been blessed with the birth of two children: Clayton P., born June 14, 1873; and Myrtle P., born April 24, 1892.





HON. JOEL SPOONER.





MRS. LAURA SPOONER.



HON. JOEL SPOONER, deceased, a former prominent citizen of the town of Franconia, Grafton Co., N. H., was born in the above-mentioned town May 8, 1821. He was a son of Jonathan and Abigail (Archer) Spooner, and grandson of Thomas Spooner. Thomas Spooner worked all his life at farming, and was well known and influential among the members of his farming district. He gathered about him the following family of children: Elijah, Jefferson, Madison, Jonathan, Priscilla, and Polly. They were Free Will Baptists.

Jonathan Spooner, after completing his education, which was obtained in the common schools of his native town, learned the trade of a hammerman and worked in a forge at St. Johnsbury, Vt., and later in Franconia, N. H. He was a staunch Democrat in his political beliefs and convictions. His wife, Abigail Archer, bore him five children, as follows: Joel, Charlotte, Annis, Solon, and Almeda. Their religious views placed them in the fold of the Baptist Church.

Joel Spooner secured his education in the schools of Franconia, and turning his attention to farming was engaged in the pursuits of agriculture the greater part of his active life. He was at last forced to abandon farming because of his failing health and enter into mercantile business, buying out E. B. Parker of Franconia, N. H., and conducting the affairs of his store for ten years, when he sold out and retired from active business. He was much liked by his patrons and his business associates, for his straight-forward methods of transacting business met popular approval and contributed largely to his financial success. In politics, he was a Democrat, and was honored with high offices of trust by his townsmen on several different occasions. He served as selectman a number of years, and represented the town of Franconia in the legislative halls of Concord, N. H.; he was collector of taxes for a period spanning twenty years. He was endowed with more than ordinary intelligence, which received a thorough training in the severe school of experience; generous and kind-hearted, he made many friends, and was very fortunate in retaining their friendship.

In 1847 he married Laura Eastman, daughter of Simeon and Judith (Quimby) Eastman, the former of Lisbon, N. H., and the latter a native of Franconia, N. H. The union of our subject

and his wife has been blessed with the birth of three children: Isaac E., who married Alice Wells of Franconia, N. H., died in 1879, aged thirty-one years; Abbie J., who married Charles S. Morgan of Littleton, N. H.; and James G., deceased. Mr. Spooner died Sept. 10, 1895. He was a member of the Baptist Church of Franconia, N. H., as is his wife, who survives him.

As being among the leading citizens and representative men of Grafton Co., the accompanying portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Spooner will be viewed with a large degree of interest.

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HUGH NELSON, the subject of this sketch, is one of the representative and leading agriculturists of the town of Monroe, Grafton Co., N. H.; he was born on the estate, which is still his home, Nov. 2, 1858, and is a son of Nathan and Mary Ann (Paddleford) Nelson, grandson of Robert and Agnes (Gray) Nelson, and great-grandson of William Nelson, who came from Scotland and settled in Ryegate, Vt., in December, 1775.

Robert Nelson, his son, was born in In Shannan, Scotland, and came with his father to this country; he spent the active period of his well-spent life on a farm in Lyman, now Monroe, N. H., that he cleared and cultivated. His wife, a Miss Agnes Gray, bore him fourteen children, eleven of whom lived to rear large families; the other three died in infancy. The names of those that reached maturity are as follows: Robert, David, Nathan, Hannah, Margaret, Mary, Eliza, Nancy, Isabel, Alice, and Ruth. Their religious faith was that held by the Presbyterian Church.

Nathan Nelson, the father of Hugh Nelson, was educated in the schools of Lyman, now Monroe, N. H., and since the time he was fifteen years old has lived on the paternal estate, with the exception of two years spent in the west, where he was in the employ of a large pork packing house in St. Louis, Missouri. When he returned he bought the farm, that our subject now owns, of his grandfather; he is still living on the farm with his son Hugh, and is very active for a man of eighty-two summers. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and has served as selectman, surveyor of highways, and as a member of the school committee. He married Mary Ann, daughter of Philip and Abigail Paddleford, and



to them were born the following family: Philip P.; Abbie and Louise, twins; Herbert; Fred; Hugh, the subject of this brief memoir; and Annie M.

Hugh Nelson obtained his first mental training in the schools of his native town; from them he was advanced to Newbury Academy, at Newbury, Vt., and Peacham Academy of Peacham, Vt. After the completion of his education he worked in a store in Newbury, Vt., for E. A. Day, and afterwards was employed by Day & Oakes at Lisbon, N. H., where he remained two years and a half as a clerk, leaving at length; he returned to Monroe and turned his attention to the pursuits of agriculture, and has prospered in his labors in that direction ever since. He cultivates a farm of 600 acres, which is devoted to hay, grain, and stock raising. His live stock is valuable, and shows the result of good breeding and careful selection. He has sixty head of cattle, forty-five sheep, ten horses, and thirty hogs. He has also a flock of about 100 Narragansett turkeys, which is about as fine a collection of those birds as may be found. His sugar industry is not the least of his enterprises. He has 1,500 sugar maples, and makes on an average two tons of sugar annually. The best methods and the latest improved evaporators are used; the evaporators are those manufactured by the G. H. Grimm Co. of Rutland, Vt. His farm shows the mark of a cultivated and intelligent man, who is ever on the lookout for better and more scientific methods of farming; he believes that only in the latest methods may farming be made practical and successful.

Our subject and Eliza Bolton were joined in the sacred bonds of matrimony on the 1st of February, 1887. Mrs. Nelson is a daughter of Nathan T. and Agnes (Paddleford) Bolton of Monroe, N. H. As a result of this union four children have been born, of whom one died in infancy. The names of the remaining children are as follows: Ruth A., Philip E., and Dorothy A. The family are devout members of the M. E. Church of Monroe, N. H., and may be found enlisted in any of the blessed work initiated by that organization. In politics he is a Republican; has been chairman of the school board four years and was town treasurer one year, and taught and has served as moderator for several years, three terms of school in Monroe.

HAMLIN R. PRIEST, a prominent merchant, and highly-esteemed citizen of the town of Franconia, N. H., was born in Lisbon, N. H., Aug. 30, 1842. He secured his education in the schools of Lisbon, and started out in life as a clerk in a general store. He also worked in a bobbin mill several years, and later on opened a boot and shoe store in Franconia, N. H., which he carried on for about four years. His next venture was to open a summer boarding house at Franconia, and then managed a hotel in Whitefield, N. H., about twelve months. He then returned to Franconia, reopened the summer boarding house, and remained there two years, moving from there to Littleton, N. H., where he engaged in the same line of business. About 1884 Mr. Priest returned to Franconia, N. H., and opened a grocery store, where he handles all kinds of staple and fancy groceries, canned goods, and other articles of like nature.

He is a son of John and Sally A. (Hayward) Priest, and grandson of Thomas Priest, who was a native of Lisbon, and one of its earliest inhabitants. His occupation was that of a farmer, combined with occasional work as a blacksmith. He was well known and prominent, and respected for his honest and upright character, scorning to take advantage of any weak point in those with whom he had dealings. He was an Abolitionist, later becoming a Republican. He married Dolly Quimby of Lisbon, N. H., and to them were born four children, namely: John, Moody, David, and Kimball. They were Baptists.

John Priest was born in Lisbon, in 1811, and attended school during his boyhood days in the neighboring schools. His first venture in life was to peddle tinware about the country for several years. After a few years he started up a small manufacture of wagon spokes and bobbins, which grew under his watchful care into a very prosperous business. He invented the Priest Swing Cattle Stanchion. He was a stout Republican in politics. His wife, Sally A., whom he married Nov. 27, 1834, was a daughter of Deacon Lewis Hayward of Lisbon, N. H.; their union was blessed with four children, as follows: Hannah, born April 22, 1836, married Stephen Eaton of Sutton, Vt.; Thomas J., born June 3, 1840, married Lucy Grimes of Franconia, N. H.; Hamlin R., our subject; and Susan A., born Sept. 15, 1846, who died in infancy. Our sub-

ject's parents were members of the Baptist Church.

Hamlin R. Priest is a thorough-going Republican, and holds the office of overseer of the poor of Franconia, N. H. During the last three years of President Harrison's administration our subject was assistant postmaster of Franconia. Nov. 30, 1871, he married Betsey E. Blake, daughter of James H. and Lucinda C. (Noyes) Blake, both natives of Lisbon, N. H. Two children have come to the Priest household to bless it: Lawrence H., born Jan. 26, 1878; and Leslie D., Oct. 12, 1883. Mr. Priest personally has a leaning toward the Advent doctrine; his wife is a member of the Franconia Congregational Church.

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GEORGE H. BURT, a retail dealer in boots, shoes, and groceries of Franconia, N. H., was born in the above town, May 20, 1849. He is a son of Simeon L. and Adaline F. (Young) Burt, and grandson of Daniel Burt, who was a native of the Granite State, and came to Franconia when quite young, later moving to Littleton, N. H., where he lived several years, finally settling in the town of Bethlehem. He was a farmer, and worked unceasingly at his occupation throughout his life. He married a Miss Lovejoy, who bore him the following children: Almira, Louis, Mary, Melina, Martha, Simeon, Clark, and Martin. Their religious views were the same as those advocated and supported by the Baptists.

Simeon L. Burt, the father of George H., carried on agricultural operations the greater portion of his life, especially the younger and more vigorous years were spent in that vocation. About 1866 he commenced to carry on a general mercantile business in Franconia, N. H., in the store now owned by his son, the subject of this sketch. Only about two years were spent in this business; he then purchased a summer boarding house, which he ran successfully for five years. He then changed his residence to Whitefield, N. H., where he hired a hotel, and managed it a short time; he died in 1876. He was a prominent Democrat, and held the offices of selectman, representative, collector of the taxes for one term, and also justice of the peace. He married Adaline F. Young, daughter of

Priest Young of Franconia, N. H., and to them were born two children: George H.; and Mary F., who married Edwin N. Parker of Lisbon, N. H., and has one child, Addie M. They were Baptists in their religious faith.

George H. Burt was educated in the public schools of Franconia, and completed it with three terms in New Hampton Institute; he then clerked four years in the general store of O. & W. F. Parker of Franconia. At the end of that time he purchased the store he now owns and occupies with a fine line of goods. It was the only, and is still the only, shoe store in the town, and accordingly Mr. Burt does a very successful business. He is a Democrat, and is now town clerk. He has been selectman four terms, postmaster four years, and justice of the peace since 1890.

In 1879 he was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony with Julia A. Knights, daughter of Roswell Knights of Franconia, N. H. They have been blessed with the birth of one child, Harold K., born April 26, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Burt are leading members of the Congregational Church of Franconia, N. H. Both he and his wife are members of Lafayette Grange, No. 208, of Franconia, N. H.

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HON. HIRAM NOYES. To residents of Grafton Co., and its vicinity, the charming little village of Sugar Hill, Lisbon township, needs no words to sound its praise. Splendidly located, well laid out, with beautiful residences, pleasure resorts, parks, and shady streets, it can hold its own among villages of its character. It is especially well known as a summer resort, and there are numerous hotels and superior boarding-places which offer the best of accommodations for rest and enjoyment to those in seek of it. Among these summer hotels, Hotel Lookoff takes a prominent place. This institution, which is owned by a stock company, the principal stockholders of which are our subject and his only son, William H., has been in operation since 1887, when it was built by our subject. It is one of the handsomest summer hotels in Grafton Co., and is located on the side of Lookoff Mountain, overlooking Franconia, White Moun-



tains, and other near ranges; the view is hardly with an equal, and forms one of its chief attractions. There is a bountiful mineral spring on the property whose water has a wide and deserving reputation, although its good properties have been known but a short time.

Mr. Noyes's grandfather, Timothy Noyes, was a native of Richmond, N. H., who came to Lisbon, N. H., when a young man and followed farming there the remainder of his life; he was well known and prominent in his day, and, being successful in his business ventures, was able to accumulate considerable property. He married Sally Jewett, who was born in Richmond, N. H., and to them were born the following seven children: Rebecca, Phebe, Eunice, Ruth, Mehitable, John, and Hiram. Timothy Noyes and his family were Free Will Baptists.

John Noyes, the father of our subject, obtained his schooling in Lisbon, N. H., and became a farmer like his father before him; although the most of his time was spent in Lisbon, he also did some farming in Landaff and Bethlehem. He voted the straight Republican ticket ever since the organization of that party. He was united in marriage with Mary Spooner, in 1829; she was a daughter of Simeon and Priscilla (Priest) Spooner, who were natives of Richmond, N. H., and among the first settlers of Lisbon. Three children were born to our subject's parents: Hiram, Curtis C., and Mary H. Curtis C. married Julia Brown of Lisbon, and had a family of four children, all of whom are living; they are: Frank, Charles, Hattie, and Lena R. Mr. Noyes died in 1873. Mary H. was twice married; her first husband was John Durgin of Bath, Me., who was killed by a fall from a vessel. She then married D. S. Young of Colebrook, N. H., and by this union there has come one child, Ned R.

Hon. Hiram Noyes was born in Lisbon, N. H., Nov. 22, 1821, and received an education in the schools of his native town. For about eleven years of his early manhood he followed the vocation of a farmer. He then bought a share in two starch mills, and was actively interested in the manufacture of starch for about seven years. Selling his stock in the mills, with the proceeds he purchased a one-half interest in the mercantile business of Wells & Young, Mr. Young retiring; the business was conducted for five years

under the style of Wells & Noyes, and for about three years in his own name, having secured the entire interest. The store burned down, and our subject rebuilt it and ran it for nine more years, selling out about 1887 to J. H. Wells, and building the Hotel Lookoff, before mentioned.

In politics he is a strong Republican, and was given a commission as postmaster under President Rutherford B. Hayes, holding the office until Cleveland's election. He served as selectman, and as justice of the peace several years, and represented the town in the State Legislature at Concord, N. H., in 1868-69-71.

In 1853 he married S. Maria Quimby, daughter of Levi and Phebe (Parker) Quimby, the former of Franconia, and the latter of Whitefield, N. H. Levi Quimby was killed while participating in a sham battle at Lisbon, N. H., Oct. 6, 1836. Two children have resulted from the union of our subject and his wife: Mae L., born March 26, 1855, married Charles J. Jepperson of Lisbon, N. H.; William H., born Jan. 28, 1867, is assistant manager of the Hotel Lookoff.

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WILLIAM H. LYNCH, postmaster, and the leading general merchant of Easton, N. H., was born in Derby, Vt., Oct. 6, 1853. He is a son of John and Margaret (Mitchell) Lynch.

John Lynch came to this country from Limerick, County Cork, Ireland, with his wife and settled in Derby, Vt., where he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and rose to a prominent place in the business and social life of that town. Nine children were born to him and his wife, namely: Ellen; John; Daniel; Andrew; William H.; Julia; Edward; George; and one, who died when an infant. Politically he attached himself to the Democratic party, and was active in furthering its interests, but never aspired for any office. He was a regular communicant of the Catholic Church.

William H. Lynch secured a good common school education in the district schools of Derby, Vt., and, upon the attainment of years of manhood, went to Boston, Mass., where he became interested in the milk business, having the entire charge of a large milk route for about four years. He then returned to Derby, Vt., and remained



there for two years, going from there at the end of that time to Littleton, N. H., where he engaged in the livery business, which was run in connection with the Thayer House. Disposing of his hotel and livery business at the expiration of several years successful work, he engaged with Charles F. Eastman as coachman, and stayed with him in that connection eight years. Upon leaving the service of his employer, Mr. Lynch went to Pasadena, California, and made a short stay, but returned in 1894 to Easton, N. H., and purchased the store, which he conducts at present. All kinds of groceries and supplies of a kindred nature are kept in stock; the business has grown and prospered under his careful management, and reflects great credit upon him. Energetic and forceful, he is one of the most promising young business men in his section of the county. He is a staunch Democrat, and is at present holding the office of postmaster of Easton, holding the appointment from Cleveland's administration.

On Nov. 1, 1893, he was joined in marriage with Mary Lunnie, daughter of William and Margaret Lunnie of the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada. Their union has been blessed with the birth of one child, Edward B., born July 3, 1896. Mr. Lynch is liberal in his religious views.

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THE HAYNES FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY of the town of Alexandria, N. H., lately established in that town, owes its origin and maintenance chiefly to the gifts and bequests of three men, who have given liberally of their means to found what will prove to be a blessing to the community. The library trustees elected the present librarian, Mrs. Clara Gale Bullock, widow of the late Gilbert A. Bullock, in 1888, and she has diligently and efficiently discharged the duties pertaining to that position in such a manner as to meet the entire satisfaction of all those interested. To Mrs. Bullock we are greatly indebted for the few facts which we present of the lives of the library's benefactors.

Timothy Haynes, who made the original bequest, and after whom the library was named, was born Sept. 5, 1808, in the town of Alexandria, and was a son of David Haynes, who was

born in 1785. David Haynes married Rebecca Bailey, who was born in 1790, and had four children: Timothy, born Sept. 5, 1808; Clark, born in 1810; Rebecca, born Feb. 27, 1813; and David, born Feb. 10, 1817. Timothy Haynes married Laura Brackett, daughter of Willie Brackett of Littleton, N. H., Sept. 21, 1842; their union was blessed with four children: Alrie R., born Jan. 25, 1844; William B., Nov. 14, 1846; Nellie S., Oct. 8, 1847; and Elizabeth B., Sept. 15, 1850. Timothy Haynes graduated from the New Hampton Institute, and went to Hanover, and attended the Medical Department of Dartmouth College, from which he graduated a full-fledged physician; he practiced medicine all his life in Concord, N. H., and upon his death, in 1885, willed \$1,000.00 to the town of Alexandria to establish a free library, provided the town would raise an equal amount, and in consequence of his thoughtful and philanthropic act, the library was called the Haynes Free Public Library.

Clark Haynes, the younger brother of the foregoing, was the next liberal-minded man to give of his means in the support of this worthy cause. He was born in Alexandria in 1810, and attended the schools of his native town until seventeen years of age, when he started out to earn a living for himself. He walked to Boston to an uncle of his, without a dollar in his pocket; there he found employment in an ink factory and earned enough to pay his expenses at New Hampton Institute, which he then attended, and graduated in 1834. In his own neighborhood, and in New Hampton, he taught several terms of school. He was a strong Free Will Baptist, and studied for the ministry, and preached quite a good deal, but on account of his health, he gave it up and went to farming. He lived (in Alexandria) alone, did his own work in the house and on the farm, and in winter walked several miles to teach school. Later he took care of his aged grandparents, after which he went to Sanbornton (now Tilton), and taught school, and there married Mary A. Clark, daughter of David H. and Charlotte (Burleigh) Clark. Three children were born to them: Erving W., born Jan. 4, 1845; Laura A., born Dec. 22, 1849; Clara J., born May 14, 1851. Clara J. lives in Franklin, where her father died, Jan. 1, 1895, believing in Him who doeth all things well; he was taken care of in his last years by his daughter Clara.

He lived in Tilton twenty-five years, where his wife died at the age of fifty-seven; after that sad occurrence he bought a residence in Franklin on Pearl Street, where he lived at the time of his death. Clark Haynes acquired a handsome property, and enjoyed a serene old age, and was laid away to await the last trump in Franklin Cemetery. In 1893 he gave to the Free Public Library in his native town of Alexandria the sum of \$1,000.00, provided the trustees would agree to pay him a low rate of interest for the use of it during his lifetime; it was accepted on those conditions, and the interest was paid until his death. His son Erving lives in Franklin. Laura married C. A. Williams, and now lives in Oregon City.

The last benefactor of the library, whom we will mention in this connection, is E. A. Perkins, who, in 1894, donated to the Haynes Free Public Library the sum of \$2,000.00, provided the trustees pay him a low rate of interest during his lifetime. They accepted the offer, and the library building was then erected. His English ancestor, John Perkins, came to Boston in 1631, and a few years later settled in Essex Co., where he engaged in farming; his descendants are now found in nearly every State in the Union, and in the Dominion of Canada. Our subject's grandfather, Jacob Perkins, settled in Hebron, N. H., where his son, Elias, our subject's father, was born. Elias Perkins bought a farm in the town of Alexandria in 1818, and died in 1863. Our subject was born July 28, 1822, in Alexandria; he spent his boyhood days working on the farm, getting what education he could in the public schools of that time. In 1844 he went to Boston and learned the trade of a carpenter, which he followed till he retired in 1892. Mr. Perkins had of course rather uphill work, having no one to help him, but by untiring industry and perseverance he succeeded fairly well. He lived in Cambridge, Mass., three years, in Dorchester, Mass., sixteen years, and since then has made Quincy of the same State his home. He was quite prominently identified with the local building trade in Dorchester and Quincy, and also in town affairs and in various business corporations. For four successive years he was a member of the board of selectmen of the town of Quincy, and after the adoption of a city charter has been on the board of assessors, holding the position

of principal assessor. For twenty-five years he has been one of the directors of the Dorchester Mutual Life Insurance Co., and a member of the executive committee of that organization, and also one of the trustees of the Quincy Savings Bank. His record is clean and open to the closest inspection; he has won the confidence of the community where he has done business a larger part of his busy life. In his views on religion he is very liberal, and is a constant attendant of the Unitarian Church. In 1865 he married Mary F. Hills of Hudson, N. H., but has never had any children.

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DAVID K. PRIEST, a prosperous agriculturist and leading citizen of the town of Franconia, N. H., was born in the above town, March 23, 1846. He is a son of Moody and Persis (Aldrich) Priest, and grandson of Thomas Priest, who was a native of Lisbon, and one of the early inhabitants of that town. He was a farmer and blacksmith, and followed his trade through life with a large degree of success. He was well known throughout Lisbon and that section of the county as a man who would scorn to do any under-handed or dishonest work; he could be always relied on to do the fair thing by his customer, or with whomsoever he had to deal. He was originally an Abolitionist, and strong in his advocacy of the cause of the slaves; when the Republican party was organized and took upon itself the championship of the down-trodden race, he joined its ranks and was ever after a firm and loyal Republican. He married Dolly Quimby of Lisbon, N. H., and to them were born four children: John, Moody, David, and Kimball. They were members of the Baptist Church.

Moody Priest, the father of our subject, was born in Lisbon, N. H., Dec. 17, 1813, received his education in his native town, and followed the pursuits of agriculture all his life, both in Lisbon and in Franconia. He was also the owner of starch mills, which he operated in Lisbon, and Franconia, N. H. He was a Democrat in respect to his political principles, and held a prominent place in the councils of his party. He represented the town of Franconia in the New Hampshire State Legislature in two terms of one







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year each; he also held other town offices of a minor character. His wife, Persis, was a daughter of David Aldrich of Franconia, N. H.; she bore him the following children: Dolly Q., Mercy A., David K., Moody B., and Harry W. Our subject's father died Aug. 26, 1887; the mother passed away April 20, 1888. In their religious belief and affiliations they were Adventists.

David K. Priest was educated in the schools of his native town, and there turned his attention to the pursuits of agriculture, and has been interested in farming all his life in the town of Franconia, N. H. He is a Democrat, and has only held the office of road agent, preferring to devote his time to his honored calling rather than to waste it in the uncertain field of politics.

In 1866 he was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony with Eliza J. Wells, daughter of John M. Wells of Franconia, N. H.; Mrs. Priest bore our subject one child, who died in infancy. They are members of the Advent Church of Franconia, N. H.

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ALONZO COOLEY, a retired farmer of the town of Easton, N. H., was born in Lisbon, N. H., July 1, 1815; his parents were Ephraim Cooley of Northfield, Mass., and Rebecca Whitcomb of Lisbon.

Aaron Cooley, grandfather of our subject on his father's side, was a native of Massachusetts, and settled in Vermont, removing later in life to Landaff, N. H., where he died in 1834. By his first wife four children were born: Ephraim, Benjamin, Aaron, and Achsah. The family was augmented by his second matrimonial union to the extent of seven children, namely: Seneca, Hiram, Alvin, Moses, Eli, Persis, and Eliza. They were attendants of the Methodist Church.

Ephraim Cooley, the eldest child, was born in Northfield, and completed his education in the schools of that town; when his father came to Vermont he accompanied him. Ephraim first moved to Lisbon, and later to Landaff and there he passed the rest of his active years in carpentry and in tilling the soil, and was successful in his efforts. He was a Democrat, politically, and held several town offices. He was joined in Hymen's bonds three successive times. His first wife, Hannah Hall of Boston, bore him three

children, of whom only Seraph grew up to maturity. His second marriage, with Rebecca Whitcomb, daughter of Josiah Whitcomb, resulted in the birth of two children: Alonzo and Ephraim, Jr. He was married the third time to Electa Young, daughter of Caleb Young of Lisbon, N. H., and their union was blessed with one child, Alden (now deceased). Mr. Cooley was a Methodist in his religious attachments, and belonged to the church of that denomination.

The subject of this sketch secured his education in the common schools of Landaff, and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-five years old, in 1840, when he bought 160 acres, the nucleus of his present farm; this has been increased by purchases from time to time till he owns at present about 280 acres, devoted to general agriculture and stock raising. He is an earnest and uncompromising Democrat, and has held many of the important town offices to the general satisfaction of his fellow-citizens. He has officiated as selectman, town treasurer, collector of taxes, surveyor of highways, member of the school committee.

On July 6, 1840, he married Emeline Wallace, daughter of John and Vashti (Brooks) Wallace, the former of Cold Range, Mass., and the latter a native of Richmond, N. H. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cooley, nine of whom survive, and several have families and children of their own. The record reads as follows: Laura L., born June 3, 1841; John F. (deceased), May 8, 1843; Dennis W., Dec. 2, 1844, a dentist of Antrim, N. H.; Sarah E., Nov. 20, 1846; Persis E., July 8, 1849; Hiram K., July 11, 1851; Edwin W., March 17, 1854, a physician of Blooming Prairie, Minn.; Orissa M., Jan. 3, 1856; Alice M., Feb. 9, 1859; and Elra M., July 21, 1863. Laura L. married Charles Colby of Whitefield, N. H., and bore him one child, Dora; after her husband's death she formed a second union with Z. Thayer of Waverly, Mich. John F. married Julia E. Baker of Whitefield, N. H.; they have two children, Arthur A. and Ward F. The union of Dennis W. Cooley and Emma J. Langley of Montpelier, Vt., resulted in the birth of three children: Myrtie B., Blanche, and Wallace D. Sarah E. married Henry Thayer of Landaff, and has six children: Elmer H., Etta M., Lizzie E., Cora B., Bernie, and Lee. Persis E. married Woodman W. Thayer of Landaff,

now Lancaster, and has presented him with two children, Lillie B. and Willard I. Hiram K. married Julia D. Foster of Landaff, and to them were born three children: Ray, Scott, and Earl. Orissa M. married Ransom D. Quimby of Bethlehem, N. H., and their union has been blessed with three children: Bertha A., Smith A., and Gertrude Mabel. The family are attendants of the Free Will Baptist Church of Sugar Hill, in the town of Lisbon, N. H.

As a truly representative citizen of this county, a portrait of Mr. Cooley is given a place in this volume, and as fitting companion picture to his, we also present that of his estimable wife:

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JAMES F. WENTWORTH, who is farming near Grafton Pond, in the town of Grafton, this county, was born in Jamaica Plains, near the city of Boston, June 10, 1837.

Our subject is a son of James Madison Wentworth, a native of Ossipee, N. H., who was a cousin of Long John Wentworth, late of Chicago, Ill., the famous leader of the Republican party of the Prairie State. Our subject's father followed farming most of his life, and was also engaged at times in the meat business. He died April 15, 1869, at the age of fifty-seven, from the effects of exposure and wounds received in the service of the Federal Government during the Civil War. His body rests in Forest Hill Cemetery, in Boston. When his son, our subject, enlisted in defense of his country, he did also, so as to be with his son. On his first attempt to pass the examination he was refused because of his age, having passed the required years of service; not discouraged or giving up in the least in his labor of love he applied again, and this time was shrewd enough to place his age lower than it really was; he was accordingly enlisted in due form, and was assigned to Co. K., 47th Reg. Mass. Vol. Inf. He served under Gen. Benjamin F. Butler around New Orleans, and at the close of his nine months' service suffered sunstroke at Cairo, Ill. He was a Democrat in politics prior to 1860, and from that time until his death voted the Republican ticket at every opportunity. He married Elizabeth P. Humphrey, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Dickerman) Humphrey.

There were born to our subject's parents ten children, of whom the first two died in infancy. Our subject is the third child. George A., the next child in order of birth, is a Boston artist, living at Jamaica Plains with his aged mother, who has passed the age of eighty-three; she is a member of the M. E. Church, and is held in high regard by her fellow-church members. George A. Wentworth enlisted three times in the United States Army in the late war, serving in the 32nd and 44th Regiments Mass. Vol. Inf., and in the 2nd Reg. Mass. Vol. Cav. William Henry lives at Port Henry, New York State. Lydia E. and Frederick, the twins, are both deceased. Julia M. is the wife of James B. Gutridge of Roslindale, Mass. Dexter B. is a resident of Somerville, Mass. Lula, the youngest, is deceased.

James F. Wentworth, in whose behalf this sketch is written, was reared at Jamaica Plains, Mass., and attended the primary and grammar schools of that town. When thirteen years of age he began to support himself, driving a truck wagon to the Boston market for a gardener of Jamaica Plains for two or three seasons. When nineteen he became driver of an express wagon between Jamaica Plains and Boston for Levi Champion, who afterwards became his father-in-law. He was so occupied for a period of fourteen years, extending from in the fifties until 1870, except for the time he was fighting for the Union.

On Sept. 12, 1862, he enlisted in Co. K, 44th Reg. Mass. Vol. Inf., and served in North Carolina, under Gen. Foster, being present at the battles of Kingston, Rawles's Mills; Goldsborough; Whitehall; and at the siege of Little Washington. Two days after his enlistment, on the 14th of September, 1862, he was married at Jamaica Plains by the Rev. Dr. Cushing to Mary A. Champion, daughter of Levi and Mary (Doe) Champion, the former a son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Nudd) Champion. There were born to our subject's wife's parents five children: the first two died in infancy, unnamed; Mary A. (Wentworth); Sarah J.; and Susan L.

In 1870 Mr. Wentworth purchased his present farm of 260 acres, situated on Riddle Hill, commanding one of the finest views in the State; the farm overlooks the town of Grafton, Canaan, Enfield, and Alexandria, as well as several towns in the adjoining county. He carries on general



farming operations, and for the last few seasons cultivated the summer boarder with signal success.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth has been blessed with two children: Levi F., who is farming with his father; and Annie M., the wife of Lyman A. Ford, who is engaged in the express office at Manchester, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Ford have one child, Lela Ellen. Our subject and his wife are members of Eureka Grange, No. 69, of Grafton Center. In politics Mr. Wentworth is a Republican, and has taken a prominent part in the politics of his chosen town, and is serving his eighth term as selectman.

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HON. WILMER LANGWAY, a prosperous farmer and first selectman of the town of Lyman, N. H., was born in the town of Whitefield, Coos Co., N. H., July 31, 1852. He is a son of Peter and Azubah (Judd) Langway.

Peter Langway was born and reared in the town of Three Rivers, P. Q., and at the age of eighteen years came to Littleton, N. H., and up to the year 1863 was interested in the lumbering business. In that year he purchased a farm in Lisbon, which he operated with flattering success for three years till 1866, when he bought the farm now owned and operated by his son. He is a Democrat in politics. He married Azubah Judd, Dec. 23, 1848; she was a daughter of Benjamin and Polly (Judd) Judd, both natives of Landaff, N. H. To Mr. Langway and his wife two children were born, Myron E., and Wilmer, the subject of this sketch. Myron E. married, Nov. 24, 1870, Hannah J. Parker of Lyman, N. H., who has presented him with three children: Leon B., born Jan. 3, 1873; Cecil, May 1, 1889; and Mabel, now deceased. They were Methodists in religious attachments. Mrs. Langway died in the month of January, 1875. The father survives and lives with his son.

Hon. Wilmer Langway passed the bright and careless hours of youth in the several towns of Whitefield, Lisbon, and Lyman, N. H., in each of which he attended the district schools, and made the most of his opportunities to obtain an education. When he had completed his course

at school, he taught school for one term in the town of Lyman. He then turned his attention to farming, and has been engaged in that most ancient and honorable of callings ever since. He is a staunch Democrat, and represented his town in the legislative halls of Concord during two sessions, the first term being in 1885, and the second being in 1895. Since 1882 he has been serving most of the time as selectman, being elected first as third selectman, then as second, and is now the first selectman of the town, and is chairman of the board. He has been a member of the school board, trustee of the Free Public Library of Lyman, and overseer of the poor, besides officiating as justice of the peace, and settling many estates. Socially he is a member of Lyman Grange, No. 237, he and his wife being charter members.

May 6, 1879, he was married to Bertie I. Bowers, daughter of Isaac and Emiline (Johnson) Bowers, the former of Hebron, N. H., and the latter a native of Fairlee, Vt. The following children have been born to our subject and his wife: Howard C., born June 4, 1880; Alta Zora, Jan. 9, 1883; Don B., July 7, 1884; Charles W., Nov. 10, 1891; and Paul Wilmer, born Jan. 7, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Langway are Methodists.

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HON. JONATHAN BOWLES, a prosperous general merchant and postmaster of the village of Sugar Hill, Lisbon, N. H., was born in Lisbon, April 21, 1841. His grandfather, also named Jonathan Bowles, was a native of Richmond, N. H., and followed the vocation of a farmer all of his life. He married Phoebe Parker, who was born in Reading, Mass., and to them were born thirteen children, all of whom lived to mature ages. This is the record: Benjamin, Polly, Leonard, Amasa, Chandler, Phoebe, Abigail, John, Lavina, George, Esther, Sally, and Simeon. They are attendants upon the Free Will Baptist Church.

Leonard Bowles, the father of our subject, was born in Lisbon, N. H., Aug. 8, 1801, and received an education in the schools of his neighborhood. He took up the pursuit of agriculture as a vocation in life, and was identified with the farming interests of Lisbon throughout his life. He was



a staunch Democrat, and held the office of selectman, and road surveyor for several years. He married Vienna Gove, daughter of John M. and Anna (Montgomery) Gove, natives of Ackworth, N. H. The family, which our subject's parents reared, comprised seven members, as follows: Almond, Phoebe A., John, Jonathan, Gilman, Vienna, and Ella. Mr. Bowles died Feb. 14, 1880. The family were Free Will Baptists.

Jonathan Bowles was educated in the district schools of Lisbon, N. H., and turned his attention when a young man to the pursuits of agriculture; he was interested in farming until 1885, when on account of failing health he entered upon a general mercantile business at the village of Sugar Hill; his efforts have met with good, substantial success, and he is respected as a man of rare business qualifications and of the strictest integrity. He is an uncompromising Democrat, true to his party in the least matter; he is at present postmaster, a position he has held off and on for the last seven years. In 1881 he represented Lisbon in the New Hampshire Legislature, and won golden opinions of his fellow-members in the house by the intelligent interest he took in all matter brought up for action. He has been justice of the peace for many years, and was highway surveyor in 1865.

He married Julia Knight, daughter of Samuel and Betsey (Keniston) Knight, who were natives of Parsonsfield, Me. One child, Kate H., born Aug. 31, 1875, is the sole issue of our subject's marriage; she resides at home with her parents. Mrs. Bowles was taken from the loving embrace of her husband and daughter by the cruel hand of death, Oct. 15, 1896. Mr. Bowles and his daughter attend the Free Will Baptist Church.

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BENJAMIN TUCKER, notary public and justice of the peace of Bethlehem, N. H., was born Nov. 20, 1836, in New Bedford, Mass., and is a son of Charles R. and Dorcas F. (Fry) Tucker, both natives of the "Bay State."

Benjamin Tucker, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Dartmouth, Mass., and was engaged throughout the active period of his life in pursuits of an agricultural nature. He was a

member of the fifth generation that had been born on the family estate. Because of his own merits, and from his belonging to one of the earliest and best families of that section, he became a very prominent man, and succeeded in a financial way. He was a Whig in politics. His wife, Lucretia Russell by name, bore him three children: John; Rhoda; and Charles R., the father of our subject. He was a member of the Quaker sect.

Charles R. Tucker was born in Dartmouth, Mass., on the homestead, which for more than 240 years has remained in the unbroken possession of the Tucker family; his birth took place March 5, 1809. He belonged to the sixth generation of Tuckers, who have claimed Dartmouth as their birthplace. After leaving the Friends' School at Providence, R. I., about the year 1825, the young man became a teacher, and discharged the duties of a pedagogue in his native town and in Westport, Mass., for about four years. In the year 1830, he went to New Bedford, Mass., and entered the counting-room of Isaac Howland, Jr., & Co. Six years later he started out in business for himself, and in 1844 entered into partnership with Edward D. Mandall, and thus the distinguished and successful business house of Charles R. Tucker & Co. was established. He early took a high position among the merchants of New Bedford. His connection with the Merchants' National Bank continued for a period of more than a quarter of a century, and for the twenty-three years preceding his death he was president of the institution. There was another and more important sphere of activity and usefulness, in which Mr. Tucker held a place quite as conspicuous and in which as great a reliance was felt and reposed in the soundness of his judgment and fidelity to the right. This was as a member of the Church of Christ, as a leading member and official of the Society of Friends; in such associations was the light of his character and the influence of his judicious activity most widely felt. There was no place in the society that he did not at some time occupy. His much-lamented death took place on the 21st of December, 1876. Sept. 19, 1833, he married Dorcas Fry of Weare, N. H., who was born in Bolton, Mass.; she died one year previous to him. Their children numbered eight, as follows: Benjamin R., born March 14,

1835, died March 11, 1836; Benjamin, the subject of this sketch, born Nov. 20, 1836; John F., born Aug. 13, 1839, died June 14, 1886; Henry R., born April 18, 1842, died Aug. 9, 1872; Charles R., Jr., born Aug. 19, 1844, died Feb. 11, 1891; Robert E., born Aug. 30, 1846, died Feb. 22, 1873; Edward T., born Sept. 29, 1849; and George F., born Jan. 19, 1852.

Our subject was the recipient of a good education in his youth; he first attended the academy at New Bedford, and then the Boarding School of Friends, at Providence, R. I. He finished with a higher course, pursued in Haverford College at Philadelphia, Pa. After the completion of his education he clerked two years in the Merchants Bank, New Bedford, of which his father was president. He then worked about three years for Charles R. Tucker & Co., ship agents and owners in whale fishery. In 1858 he entered into partnership with George F. Wilson and Prof. Eben N. Horsford and organized the Rumford Chemical Works, Providence, R. I., and was connected with that company two years, selling out to Mr. Wilson.

At this time he went west and engaged in the wood, coal and grain business in Milwaukee, Wis., where he remained a member of the commercial circles for two years. In 1862 he sold out his business and removed to Mammoth City, Colorado, where he became interested in the mining business, and was a member of the first stock company which was organized for gold mining in that State. His stay in Colorado was cut short at the end of two years, and he returned to Dartmouth, Mass., and farmed on the ancestral estate for eight years. In 1875 he moved to Bethlehem, N. H., on account of failing health, and finding that the climate agreed with him, he settled down and has made it his home since. He is a Republican, and has held the office of school commissioner, auditor, selectman, of which he is a present member, and all minor offices. He is a member of the Bethlehem Grange, No. 203.

In 1876 he married Maria McKeage of Broughton, Canada, and to them have been born the following children: Edith, born Nov. 25, 1877; George E., born Dec. 7, 1885. Religiously he belongs to the Church of Friends, or Quakers. Mrs. Tucker is a member of the Episcopal Church of Bethlehem, N. H.

WARREN W. MCGREGOR, postmaster of the village of Bethlehem, N. H., was born in the same town, where he now makes his home, June 15, 1858. He is a son of Willard A. and Almira G. (Blandin) McGregor, and grandson of Gaius McGregor.

The grandfather of our subject spent his years in agricultural operations, and in lumbering in the town of Bethlehem. He married Miss Betsey Hoyt of New Hampshire, and to them were born six children, who are as follows: Sophronia, Nancy, Maria, Willard A., Gaius B., and Mary. They favored the religious doctrines which form the basis of the Presbyterian form of belief.

Willard A. McGregor, after securing an education in the schools of Bethlehem, became interested in lumbering, and also in farming; he owned a saw-mill, and did a very good business. He was a Democrat, and represented the town in the legislative halls of Concord; he was also selectman, justice of the peace, and the incumbent at various times of various minor offices. His wife, Almira, was a daughter of Sylvanus Blandin of Bethlehem, N. H. There were born to them three children: John; George; and Warren, the subject of this sketch. Mr. McGregor died Jan. 25, 1881. In their religious attachments they were Methodists.

Our subject's boyhood years were usefully employed in helping about the home farm, and in going to the district school, not far distant from his home. When a young man he learned the carpenter's and builder's trade, at which he was employed ten years. He then entered the service of the Boston, Concord & Montreal R. R., which is now incorporated in the great Boston & Maine R. R. system; he became station agent at Bethlehem Junction and Bethlehem, N. H., and still retains that position. He has been postmaster since May 1, 1893. He is a Democrat, and holds the office of town treasurer.

In 1890 he married Eulie A. Chamberlain, daughter of Jack Chamberlain of Bethlehem, N. H. They are members of the Methodist Church of Bethlehem, N. H. Mr. McGregor, socially, is a Mason, and belongs to Burns Lodge, No. 66, of Littleton; Franklin Chapter of Lisbon; Omega Council of Plymouth; St. Gerard Commandery, of Littleton; Edward A. Raymond Consistory, of Nashua, N. H.; and to the Mystic Shrine of Montpelier, Vt.



NATHAN H. NUTTER, who is engaged in the successful pursuit of agriculture on Briar Hill, town of Haverhill, was born in the town of Bath, Jan. 18, 1868, of Joshua and Sarah (Heath) Nutter, to whom were born twelve children, as follows: Phoebe, deceased; Joseph; Isaac, deceased; Nathan, deceased; Simms; Sarah; Joshua; Charlotte, deceased; Corinne; Nathan H.; McClelland, deceased; and James. Our subject's father was a son of Joseph and Phoebe (Hoyt) Nutter, all from Barnstead, N. H. Joshua in his earlier years clerked in a store in Portsmouth, N. H., and after his marriage farmed in the town of Newington of the same county. In the fifties he came to Bath, and passed away at the end of a long and singularly useful career at the age of seventy-six, February, 1896. His wife was a daughter of Isaac and Harriet (Willis) Heath. He was a member of the Ammonoosuc Grange of Swiftwater, N. H.; in politics he was a Democrat, but would never accept an office.

Nathan H. Nutter lived in Bath, and went to school and worked on his father's farm till he had attained his majority; he then received wages from his father for his services, and in 1892 had saved up enough to buy his present farm of 260 acres on Briar Hill, moving into his new home and settling down as a householder April 1, 1893. Before he bought his farm, and while he still remained at home he employed his winters in logging, and a good part of the summers in pressing hay and in other like farm work for his father.

Mr. Nutter was married Feb. 22, 1890, at Bath, to Althea S. Thayer, daughter of George and Sarah (Cross) Thayer; the former parent a son of Ephraim W. and Zubia (Quimby) Thayer, and the latter a daughter of Richard and Mary A. (Martin) Cross. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thayer the following children: Alice J.; Althea S., the wife of our subject; William, died in infancy; William, the second of that name; and the triplets, Leslie, Lillian, and Lena. The union of our subject and his wife has been productive of three children: Neal, Kathleen, and Jeanette. They attend both the M. E. and Unitarian Churches at Swiftwater. They are both members of Ammonoosuc Grange at Swiftwater. Mr. Nutter is a Democrat. Although at an age when most young men are just beginning to be independent of their parents, Mr. Nut-

ter has already made a splendid record as a progressive, up-to-date farmer. He is a good judge of horseflesh, and deals considerably in that line; he keeps from twenty-five to thirty cows, and sends the milk product to a creamery. In good years he raises from 1,100 to 1,200 bushels of potatoes, besides grain crops of good quality. In smaller live stock he keeps some forty hogs and a yard of poultry. Mr. Nutter is counted as one of the best agriculturists in his vicinity, and is respected for his push and energy, combined with the strictest integrity.

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CHARLES A. ROBY, a prosperous and successful farmer of the town of Alexandria, was born in the above town Nov. 22, 1827, and is a son of Lowell and Margaret (Keniston) Roby, both natives of the town of Weare, N. H.

Lowell Roby was educated in the common schools of Weare, and became a farmer, and followed that calling nearly all the active period of his life in the town of Alexandria, and was considered a very prominent man. His political views and beliefs were those advocated by the Democratic party. His wife, Margaret, was a daughter of Benjamin Keniston of Weare, N. H., and to them were born the following children: Sally, born March 10, 1806; Oliver, July 22, 1807; John, June 20, 1809; Lowell, Sept. 11, 1811; Levi, Sept. 28, 1813; Eldrich, March 21, 1819; and Charles, Aug. 25, 1821. In their religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Roby favored the Methodist Episcopal and Universalist churches respectively.

Charles A. Roby was educated in the schools of Alexandria, and upon the completion of his education engaged in teaming and taking care of horses in Lowell, Mass., where he has lived the most of his life. In 1892 he moved back to Alexandria, N. H., and is now living in retirement on his farm, having accumulated a handsome competence to support him in his declining years. He married Abbie Gale, daughter of Stephen Gale of Hebron, and to them were born two children: George, deceased; and Emma B. Mr. Roby is a member of the M. E. Church. He was bereaved of the presence of his wife May 23, 1896.







GEORGE C. PATTEN.

HENRY P. SMITH, a leading and highly successful druggist of the town of Bethlehem, N. H., was born in Dalton, N. H., Jan. 1, 1860, and is a son of Howland E. and Susan A. (Brown) Smith, the former of Lunenburg, Vt., and the latter a native of Bradford, Vt.

Abijah Smith, the grandfather of our subject, was born and educated in the town of Hanover, Grafton Co., N. H.; at the age of twenty-one he went to Lunenburg, Vt., and there engaged in farming, which continued to be his sole employment through life. He married Catherine Thomas, daughter of Enoch and Mary (Howland) Thomas, and from their union, thus consummated, six children resulted: Calvin, Sybil, Mary, Fannie, Sylvia, and Howland E. Mr. Smith rounded out his career at the age of seventy-seven years, dying in 1854; his wife passed to the bright world beyond in 1832. They were Baptists in their religious attachments.

Howland E. Smith was born in Lunenburg, Vt., Feb. 6, 1821, and was educated in the common schools of that place; when still a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, and that in connection with farming was his chief occupation in life. He is now living in retirement at the home of his son in Bethlehem, N. H. He is a loyal Republican, but never accepted any office. In 1842 he married Susan A. Brown, daughter of John and Susan (Bröck) Brown, and to them were born two children, namely: Emma J., who married John M. Clark of Lancaster, N. H., and has two children, Walter H. and Millard F.; and Henry P., the subject of this personal narration. They are devout and consistent members of the M. E. Church of Bethlehem, N. H., and still retain a very lively interest in its work.

After our subject had secured an education in the schools of Lisbon he entered the employ of C. J. Kelsea of Lisbon as his drug clerk; he did not remain there long, but came to Bethlehem, where he took charge of his employer's branch store. Later on, in company with Dr. Hildreth, he bought the Bethlehem store, and carried on the business for about four years under the style of H. P. Smith & Co.; Mr. Smith then secured his partner's interest, and since 1887 he has carried on a very successful and profitable drug business. He also purchased the drug business, which was carried on by Robinson & Amsden in Bethlehem, and now conducts both stores at

Bethlehem Street. Our subject's summer trade is especially extensive, because of the visitors and sight-seers, who come to the White Mountains. He is a Republican, and has served as town treasurer, and as a member of the board of education, which latter position he now holds. Socially, he is a Mason, and belongs to Burns Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., of Littleton, N. H.; Franklin Chapter of Lisbon, N. H.; St. Gerard Commandery of Littleton, N. H.; Edward A. Raymond Consistory (thirty-second degree), of Nashua, N. H.; and is a member of Mt. Sinai Temple of Montpelier, Vt.

On Oct. 21, 1884, he was joined in matrimony with Clara L. (Wilder) Bradley of Bethlehem, N. H., who has made him the proud father of two children: Amy W. and Eugene W. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are not members of any church organization, but take great pleasure in contributing to any good work furthered by whatever organization.

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GEORGE C. PATTEN, proprietor of the Pattenville Mills of Pattenville, N. H., was born in Boston, Mass., July 10, 1852, and is a son of George C. and Melissa (Whiting) Patten.

Our subject's father came from New Brunswick to Boston, and was engaged in the publishing of books; his life was cut short at the age of twenty-eight by the dread disease, consumption, when our subject was only four years old. His wife, Melissa Whiting, bore him two sons, of whom our subject is the only one surviving; the other, Frank, died at the age of one year. Mrs. Patten was a daughter of Solomon Whiting, a farmer and millwright of Groton, and as our subject lost his mother by small-pox when a young lad, he went to live with his grandfather, Solomon Whiting. Mr. Whiting was the owner of the Mullican Mills, early known as the Rankin Mills, where he manufactured lumber. His son, Robert C., succeeded him, but upon the latter's death from an accident received in the mill in 1874, George C. Patten became the owner of the property, which he has conducted with a large measure of success since. The mills have been enlarged and remodeled to suit his advanced ideas, and in 1895, a sixty horse-power boiler and engine were introduced for use in an



emergency, when the head of water during a drouth should be insufficient to run the machinery. In 1893 he put in a large cider press, styled the Mt. Gilead press, which is operated with hydraulic pressure; this press is one of the finest in the State, and grinds as much as 750 bushels per day, and has a large patronage among the apple producers of the vicinity. In the saw-mills he manufactures all kinds of bill timber, shingles, and butter trunks. He owns a pleasant home, with capacious barns, recently erected.

Mr. Patten married Miss Jennie E. Sanborn, daughter of Madison Sanborn of Littleton; she died in her eighteenth year, leaving as her legacy one child, Frank T., born June 28, 1880. Mr. Patten is a Republican, and liberal in his religious views. In business affairs, he has ever exhibited a strict integrity, and sound common-sense, combined with the vital elements of push and energy, that have won him the unstinted admiration and respect of all with whom he has been in the least associated. As a worthy gentleman, and representative citizen of Grafton County, we insert his portrait in this volume.

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CHARLES W. CUMMINGS, a retired merchant of Warren, N. H., is the son of Jotham Cummings, and the grandson of Henry Cummings, who it is thought was born in Hollis, N. H., but spent most of his life in Groton, where he departed this life. He was a carpenter by trade, and made it the means of support in early life; in later years he took to farming. His children were: Henry, Daniel, Jonathan, Anson, Sally, and Hannah.

Jotham was born in Groton, N. H. He learned the trade of a cooper, and his early days of manhood were spent in Boston, where he worked at his trade, and being a good workman he commanded a good salary. He married Mary, daughter of Isaac Cheney of Groton, by whom he had four children: Emily J. (Clark); Sarah J. (Piper); George J.; and Charles W., the subject of this sketch. After marriage he returned to his native town of Groton, settled down on a farm, and for the rest of his life carried on a good farm in connection with his trade of cooper. He died in 1893, aged eighty-nine; his wife fol-

lowed him in 1895, aged eighty-seven. They were consistent members of the Congregational Church. In politics he was a strong and enthusiastic Republican, but refused to accept any office at the hands of his fellow-townsmen, except the position of town clerk.

Charles W. Cummings, the subject of this notice, was born Aug. 20, 1847, in Groton, N. H. He received his primary education in the district school of his native town, and then attended the Newbury Academy at Newbury, Vt., and Meriden Academy of Meriden, N. H. After leaving school he clerked in a store for three years, and in 1873, began a mercantile life on his own account in Groton. He remained there three years when he went to Meriden and carried on a successful business there for six years. He then sold his business and went to Concord and engaged in trade there for one year, finally settling in Warren, where he continued in the mercantile business until 1891, being compelled at that time to retire by reason of ill health. He sold his business to the firm of Kittredge & Son, and during the winter seasons since he has been south at work as the soliciting agent of a Florida hotel.

He was married, in 1873, to Emily E., daughter of Ira and Mary (Whitcher) Merrill of Warren, N. H. Mr. Cummings is a strong Republican. He has served as postmaster of Warren during Harrison's administration. He is a member of the Moosehillock Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M., of Wentworth, N. H.; Pemigewasset Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M., of Plymouth; St. Gerard Commandery, No. 9, of Littleton; Edward A. Raymond Consistory of Nashua. He is a member of the Harmony Lodge, No. 65, I. O. O. F., of Tilton, N. H. He belongs to Arch Lodge, No. 53, K. of P. He is also a member of Friendship Lodge of the Grangers of Tilton.

Mr. Cummings met with marked success in his business life. His careful, methodical habits and his strict, undoubted integrity gave men a confidence in him, that was not easily destroyed or shaken. He always took a great interest in his business dealings; in fact, he was so much absorbed in mercantile matters that his health failed, and he was forced to leave the active business world in which he was so familiar a figure. His many virtues have endeared him to his neighbors, and he is consequently a very popular man.

WOODBURY F. LANGDON, a prominent citizen of the town of Plymouth, was born in Rumney, Grafton Co., Feb. 1, 1830, and is a son of James Fogg and Rhoda (Hill) Langdon, and grandson of Woodbury Langdon, and a descendant of the old Langdon family, a record of whose achievements may be found in the Colonial and State annals of New Hampshire.

Our subject's grandfather, whose wife was Mary Woodlock, was a sea captain, and died at City Point, Va., when his son, James Fogg, was an infant.

When a mere lad circumstances forced our subject's father to take upon himself the burdens of life, and he rose to the emergency, and acquitted himself manfully, cheerfully, and successfully. He was born in Durham, N. H., April 27, 1804, and resided in that town until about thirteen years of age, cultivating the soil and working hard, improving his time and limited school advantages to the best possible advantage. He was then employed as clerk for Ebenezer Coe, a merchant of Northwood, N. H., for two years, and afterwards worked for Judge John Harvey in the same capacity for three years. At the age of nineteen he commenced driving stage from Northwood to Meredith Bridge, and continued on this route for several years, when he removed to Rumney, and drove from Rumney to Concord until 1837, when he purchased the stage route between Concord and Haverhill and staged there until the advent of the railroad. He also drove a stage from Plymouth to Stanstead, and in connection with the B. C. & M. R. R. one from Stanstead to Meredith. For upwards of thirty years he was engaged in staging, occupying the "box" himself, even when proprietor during that period, and was very popular with the traveling public because of his honesty, cheerfulness under the most trying circumstances which ever befell a stage-driver, and because of his obliging nature, which many times led him out of his accustomed course to grant a favor.

Mr. Langdon was the pioneer expressman of his section of the State, commencing when railroad facilities were meager, and, as they advanced, taking advantage of them, until the business assumed large proportions, and Langdon's Express reached to all points between Concord and Littleton. His line was then consolidated with Cheney & White's Express, and the result-

ant company did business as Cheney & Co.'s Express until it was united with Fiske & Co.'s Express, forming the strong corporation of the United States & Canada Express Co., in which Mr. Langdon retained an interest until 1881. In 1853 he was appointed by President Pierce route agent between Concord and Littleton, and continued to fill the duties of that position until his resignation after six years of service.

With the exception of a short residence in Concord, he lived in Plymouth from 1847 until his death in January, 1887. During this period of his life he was not an idle spectator of the labors of others, but gave his valuable aid and assistance to all matters that had a bearing on the good of the community. He was largely interested in real estate, constructed a number of houses, and was one of the originators of the Pemigewasset Fire Co., and in various ways impressed his individuality on the town. He was a public-spirited man and a public benefactor. His greatest service to the town of his residence was the Water Works system, introduced by him in 1881, at a time of life when most men prefer to rest from labor; he was assisted in this work by his son, Woodbury F., and carried the important work to a successful completion at an expense of \$40,000.00. Politically he always remained true to those old democratic ideas of Jefferson and Jackson, and represented Plymouth in the State Legislature. He was a plain, unassuming man, with little taste or desire for ostentation or the manifestation of pride, and was thoroughly democratic in all his walks as in his political affiliations, and probably no one in the locality of his residence and in the scene of his labors enjoyed a higher degree of personal popularity and respect.

In October, 1827, Mr. Langdon married Rhoda Hill, daughter of Daniel Hill of Northwood, and the record of the children born to them is as follows: Marv E., who died young; Woodbury F.; Mary E. (Hill); John G., who died in 1869, at the age of thirty-four; and Josephine (Leach), who died in 1884. Our subject's mother passed away in May, 1888, aged eighty-three years.

Our subject fitted for college at Tilton, and Andover Academy, and graduated from Bowdoin College as a member of the Class of '53. He then studied law in the office of Baker & Pea-



body at Concord, after which he went west to Minnesota, where he spent sixteen years, engaged in dealing in hides, grain, and farm implements. At the death of his brother, John C., in 1869, our subject returned to his native State, took up his residence in Plymouth, and has lived there ever since. The first seven years that succeeded his return he was express agent at Plymouth, and since that time he has had charge of the Plymouth Water Works. He is a large real estate owner, and makes a specialty of raising small fruit. He has opened a street through the west side of the village and named it Langdon Street. He is a member of the Washington Lodge, F. & A. M., of Wasioga, Minn., and is also connected with the Plymouth Grange, No. 239.

In 1857 Mr. Langdon married as his first wife Annie E. Merrill, daughter of Phineas Merrill of Stratton, N. H.; she died in 1880 at the age of forty years, and left one child, Frank W., who followed his mother three weeks later at the age of twenty-two. Our subject married as his second helpmate, in 1895, Donna B. Morrill, nee Gould, daughter of Dr. J. B. N. Gould of Meredith, N. H.

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EDWIN A. KENYON, dealer in all kinds of agricultural implements, located at Enfield, N. H., was born in Middlebury, Vt., March 24, 1838. He is a son of Alexander and Ann (Curby) Kenyon, and grandson of James Kenyon, who was a farmer of Plainfield, N. H., but was killed early in life by being thrown from a wagon, leaving four children: Jarvis, Edith, Janette, and Alexander.

All of the children of James Kenyon settled in the State of New York with the sole exception of our subject's father, who, following the pursuits of agriculture, bought his first farm and home in Middlebury; on this small farm, on which he erected a set of buildings, and made other improvements to enhance its value, he lived for some ten years, and sold to good advantage. With the proceeds from the farm he bought a saw-mill in the same town, and manufactured lumber of all varieties, including shingles, laths, pickets, etc. In the latter part of his life his health failed him, and he lived with his

son, our subject, until his death, in 1881; he was born in 1808. His wife was born in 1800, and fell into the last sleep in 1879. Their children were: Sophronia, David Y., and Edwin A. Our subject's father was a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and a Congregationalist in his religious beliefs and attachments.

Our subject started out in life to support himself at the calling of a farmer, buying his father's farm, and operating it and dealing in cattle and stock until 1859, when he sold that property and purchased a large farm in Alstead, N. H. In that town the same transactions took place, farming and speculating in cattle, for some fourteen years. He then, in company with George Britton, went into mercantile trade at Surrey, N. H., under the firm name of Britton & Kenyon, but he soon bought his partner out, and ran a general store some three years, serving as postmaster in the meantime. At the end of the three years he disposed of his property and went into the same business at Newport, N. H., continuing there until 1878, when he came to Enfield and bought the house now known as the Webster House, it being then a private dwelling-house, the property of the Valentine estate. This building Mr. Kenyon fitted up and ran as a hotel under the title of the Kenyon House, for a few years, when he sold it, and has since done a prosperous business in agricultural implements and phosphates. He owns a fine farm near the village of Enfield, which he leases to tenants. His beautiful home is located on Wells Street, overlooking Mascoma Lake.

Our subject has been a very active citizen, being a promoter and supporter of many improvements to the village and town. Although he is a stanch Republican, and has been chairman of the Republican Committee for many years, he has never expressed the least desire to hold any office, and has often refused tempting offers of political advancement.

Mr. Kenyon married Janette Cooper, daughter of Charles Cooper; she died at the age of forty, leaving two children: Alice and Florence. Alice married Edwin Tenney of Worcester, Mass., and has one child, Bessie. Florence married Edwin Spencer, a resident of Enfield, and an employee of the Baltic Mills; they have one child, Edwin A. Mr. Kenyon married as his second wife Miss Frances Riley, who was for many



years the leading milliner of Enfield. She is a daughter of James Riley of Newport, N. H.

Mr. Kenyon enlisted in 1864 as a private in Co. A, 18th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., and after serving nine months and a half returned home as a corporal; he was called to City Point first, and was afterwards stationed at Fort Steadman. He has been for several years and is now commander of the G. A. R. Post of Enfield; he is also a member of the W. R. C., of which his wife is president, and has been since its organization. He is a loyal supporter of the Congregational Church, and a member of the Social Lodge, F. & A. M., of Enfield, N. H.

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HENRY L. MORRILL, a retired boot and shoe dealer of Chicago, Ill., and a resident real estate owner of Campton, N. H., was born in Campton Village, N. H., June 22, 1852, and is a son of Henry F. and Clarissa (Morrill) Morrill.

Our subject's father was born in Gilmanton, N. H., and entered upon the pursuit of agriculture in his native town, but he soon moved to Campton, where he purchased a farm, and made it his home for the remainder of his life. He was possessed of a strong, robust constitution, and accomplished much work; under his skillful manipulation and judicious management the farm proved very successful, and he was enabled to retire during his last years with the reputation of being one of the leading farmers of Campton. Politically he was a Whig, and after that party's final dissolution he was a Republican; although capable of filling office very acceptably, he has always refused any offer of political elevation. His wife died at the age of seventy-three, leaving three children: John F., Henry L., and Nancy E.

Henry L. Morrill received a good public school education in the schools of his native town. At the age of twenty he removed to Chicago, Ill., with his elder brother, John F. Morrill, and engaged in the wholesale jobbing of boots and shoes. This partnership continued for one year, when our subject went into business with Mr. Garven, under the firm name of Garven & Morrill, remaining in such partnership for one year, and since that time, and until 1891, he was engaged in business by himself. In that year he

closed out his business, and practically retired from active work. He came east to settle his father's estate, and while here built an elegant residence at Lower Campton Village, in 1893, where he has spent his summers since; he also owns a large farm here. He built himself a handsome residence in Chicago, which he occupies while there, but the greater portion of his time is spent here for the health of his family.

He married Myrta R., daughter of Seth W. and Roxie E. (Warner) Dunklee of Brattleboro, Vt. Seth W. Dunklee was an extensive dealer in wood and lumber; he died at the age of seventy-three. His wife is still living at the age of eighty-one, and is blessed with remarkably good health. The children that made up their household were: John O.; Eugene E.; Oscar W.; Lizzie H.; Mattie E.; and Myrta R., our subject's wife.

Mr. Morrill is the proud father of three children, two girls and one boy: Hazel E. was born Jan. 11, 1887; Pearl E., was born Aug. 15, 1886; Henry F. was born Aug. 31, 1888. Our subject is a Democrat in his political affiliations. The Unitarian Church claims him as one of its liberal and earnest supporters.

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DR. CHANNING BISHOP, a physician of the town of Bristol, was born in the village, July 26, 1864.

His father, Dr. James M. Bishop, was a native of Hanover, this county, where he was born May 14, 1821, and where he resided until 1840. He was a son of John and Abigail (Parker) Bishop, who died when he was only seven years of age. He was adopted by his mother's parents, with whom he moved to Canaan, when nineteen years old. He attended the Academy of Lebanon and Canaan a few terms, supporting himself the while by teaching in the winter and working upon farms in the summer. X Thus having obtained a good academic education, he entered the office of Dr. Jones of Canaan, in the spring of 1846, and later studied medicine under the direction of Dr. Wheat of the same town, following out a year of study. The two following years were spent in the study of his profession, in the office of Dr. Mead of East Hanover, teaching

each winter. In the spring of 1849, after teaching a winter term of school in Maine, he went to Plymouth, and became an assistant to Dr. Goodrich with the intention to succeed to that gentleman's practice, when he moved South, as was his original intention; but Dr. Goodrich deciding to remain, Dr. Bishop determined to locate in Bristol, and on Nov. 11, 1849, opened an office there, where he continued ministering to the physical ailments of his large circle of patients until his death. To further perfect himself for the profession, he took a course in the Eclectic Medical College of Worcester, Mass., in the year 1854-55, where he received the degree of M. D. Although having studied under allopathic preceptors, Dr. Bishop had gradually broken away from that school and followed almost entirely homeopathic methods. He was greatly interested in the prosperity of his township and community, and was honored with the local offices of treasurer and superintendent of schools for a number of years. The village also received the benefit of his services as a member of the board of education, and also of the board of health. \* Nov. 11, 1852, he married Margaret A. Locke, daughter of Samuel and Betsey (Philbrick) Locke of Concord, N. H. By this union there were four children: Mary Abbie; Daniel Locke, who died in infancy; Lizzie Bell; and Channing, the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Channing Bishop was reared in his native village, attended its graded schools, and supplemented that education in Tilton Seminary, Brown University, and Boston University School of Medicine, graduating from the latter institution in June, 1889. He immediately obtained an office in Bristol, and succeeded to the large and lucrative practice of his father. May 15, 1893, in Lebanon, Dr. Bishop was married to Lena B. Cragin, daughter of Richard W. and Nancy (Emory) Cragin. Dr. and Mrs. Bishop are attendants of the M. E. Church of Bristol. The Doctor is well-read, a deep and profound thinker, with good judgment and calm, logical common sense. These qualities, united to fine social address, tend to make him popular, and command for him the confidence and esteem of the entire community. Possessing a strong ambition and a high standard of professional excellence, with the aid and sympathy of a noble life companion, he is well fitted to secure in due time the perma-

nent reward of a successful and honorable career. In politics he is a Republican, and has served his village on the board of health, on the school board, as a trustee of the public library, and as a superintendent of the schools of the town. To fraternal orders the Doctor has been quite partial. He is a member of Cardigan Lodge, No. 38, I. O. O. F., of Bristol; Union Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M., of Bristol; St. Omar Chapter, of Franklin; Mt. Horeb Commandery, Knights Templar, of Concord; and Merrill Lodge, No. 23, A. O. U. W., of Bristol; and Bristol Lodge, American Benefit Society.

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JOSEPH B. PAGE, a prominent agriculturist, whose farm is situated near Grafton Center, was born in Grafton, Feb. 1, 1839. He was a son of Joseph W. and Dolly (Bullock) Page, and grandson of John Page, a hatter by trade, who moved to Grafton in 1808, bought a small place near the Center, and there plied his trade.

The family is descended from the parents of three brothers, who came from England in the early Colonial days, settling in Massachusetts. One of them, a doctor and minister by profession, lost his life by a contagious disease contracted while attending a sick patient.

Dolly (Bullock) Page, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of Benjamin and Sybil (Drake) Bullock. Sybil was a daughter of Capt. Daniel Drake, who began his services in the Revolutionary War, at the battle of Bunker Hill, and continued in the army, fighting for freedom and independence until the cessation of hostilities. Sybil remembered hearing the guns at that battle, and before her death, at the age of ninety-three, used to relate incidents of the war to our subject when he was a boy. She died April 5, 1864, aged ninety-three years, nine months, and twenty-five days.

Joseph W. Page was born in the town of Hawke (now Danville), N. H., Aug. 20, 1799, and died September, 1879, having passed the eightieth mile-stone in his journey of life. After his marriage he bought the farm on which our subject resides, a fine tract of 300 acres, and continued to make it his home until his death. The final summons came to him unexpectedly, and without warning, at the close of a busy day, just







JASON CLARK.

after the evening chores had been finished. He was tall, of a commanding figure, and finely proportioned, an almost exact prototype of his son, the subject of this sketch.

Joseph B. Page, our subject, was married Jan. 1, 1892, to Emma J. Fowler, now deceased, and daughter of William and Melinda (Morrill) Fowler of Grafton. Mr. Page is a firm, unyielding Republican, and although living in a Democratic town, has been kept in office almost ever since he attained his majority; he has been postmaster at Grafton Center thirteen years; has served as selectman eighteen years; and has been justice of the peace since 1870. The duties of these various offices he has discharged in a faithful and conscientious manner, which has met the appreciation and wins him the confidence of all his fellow-townsmen. He is a member of Eureka Grange, No. 69, of Grafton Center.

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JASON CLARK (deceased) was the son of Joshua Clark, grandson of Satchel Clark, Jr., great-grandson of Satchel Clark, great-great-grandson of John Clark, Jr., and great-great-great-grandson of John Clark.

It is believed that the Clark family first settled in Martha's Vineyard, Mass. It is not definitely known where John Clark was born, and where he passed his early manhood years, but we know that he spent his later years and died in Stratham, N. H.

John Clark, Jr., the son of John, was born in Haverhill, Mass., and died at Stratham, N. H.

Satchel Clark, the son of John Clark, Jr., was born in Kingston, N. H., in 1736. He resided and died in Sanbornton, N. H. He married Rachel Cate. He moved to Sanbornton in 1756, and was the ninth family to settle in that town. They reared a family of seven children.

Satchel Clark, Jr., was born in 1774. He married Betty Fullington in 1794. He changed his residence to Dorchester, N. H., in 1797, but soon returned to Sanbornton and died there in 1854. They reared a family of seven children.

Joshua Clark, son of the preceding, and the father of our subject, was born in 1810, in Sanbornton. He devoted his life to agricultural pur-

suits. He married Syrena Palmer. They remained in their native town until 1844, when they moved to Campton, N. H., where they spent their last days. Mr. Clark died at the age of seventy-one; his wife was called to her reward at the age of seventy-two. Four children were born to them: Jason, Ann E., Emily J. (Coffin), and Henry M.

Jason Clark, one of the four children of Joshua and Syrena (Palmer) Clark, was born in Sanbornton, N. H., Sept. 17, 1832. He was the son of godly parents, and grew up under the influences of a Christian home. As a child and youth he was devout, reverent, and faithful, giving evidence that he was a child of God and desirous of pleasing his Father.

While still a boy his parents removed their home to Campton, N. H., and in 1848, when sixteen years of age, he united with the Congregational Church in the neighboring village of Plymouth.

Ten years of his early manhood were spent in Lowell, Mass. He carried his pure, simple religion with him to the city, and the decade spent in the midst of its turmoil and sin did not dim his faith nor tarnish his life.

During these years he was a faithful member of the Y. M. C. A., and was constant in his attendance upon the means of grace. This was one of the secrets of his beautiful life: the weekly appearing before God in His sanctuary; the regular study of God's word in the Sunday-school; the communion of saints in the mid-week service, were verily to him "means of grace."

He did not transfer his church membership, and in 1858 returned to his church home in Plymouth. For nearly half of a century this church has found in him a faithful member, a wise counsellor, and a trusty steward. He served for ten years on the church committee; he also acted at various times as warden, treasurer of the society, and church treasurer, and at the time of his death was deacon, which office he had filled with rare efficiency for seventeen years.

For two years prior to his death he had been actively engaged in serving on the building committee of the church. A new chapel was erected and extensive repairs made on the church edifice. To this service of God he devoted his best energies; his heart and mind, his hand and purse were all given unsparingly. It was while en-

gaged in work in the church audience room that the chill came upon him which passed into pneumonia, and three weeks later caused his death.

But not only in religious circles did Jason Clark adorn his profession. It was given him in great measure to be in the world, but not of it.

He was a strictly honest man. He was not without ambition; an abundance of this world's goods seemed desirable to him, but his gain never came to him by another's loss.

His towns-people recognized in him this integrity mingled with sound judgment and executive ability, and at various times elected him to offices of trust.

The church relied on him, the town respected him, and his friends loved him. His pleasant face, kindly manner, and good heart endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. His maxim was that of the old Earl of Devonshire: "I shall pass this way but once; if, therefore, there be any good thing I can do, or any kindness I can show to any fellow-being, let me do it now." And many a neighbor and friend can bear witness to his kindly words and deeds.

In 1858 he was united in marriage to Calistia P. Johnson of Campton, N. H., and two children, a son and daughter, blessed their union. For a few years these little ones were lent to their parents to sanctify and make glad their home, and then they were called to the heavenly home to await their parents' coming.

In 1887 a little, motherless girl came under their care, and in a few months they opened to her their hearts and home, and she became their daughter.

Always a kind and thoughtful husband, he exercised this care to the last. Many and considerate were the final arrangements he made for their welfare and happiness of the dear ones he was so soon to leave.

Although not called upon to pass through days and weeks of protracted suffering, the death angel did not come painlessly to him; but overcoming all and robbing even death of its sting, was that peace which the world cannot give or take away. He passed to the realms above on the 8th day of June, 1895. A fine portrait of Mr. Clark, appearing on a preceding page, will serve to call to the minds of his many friends in life his Christian virtues and beautiful traits of character.

WARREN L. ROBINSON, who is engaged in farming near Grafton Center, was born in Roxbury, Mass., Dec. 24, 1859, and is a son of Theodore S. and Jane K. (Kimball) Robinson. Our subject's mother was a daughter of Col. Amherst Kimball, who married Betsey Clark. He was an officer in the old State militia. He was one of those whole-souled, royal, good fellows, and in consequence was not so thrifty as his father, a very wealthy man of Sispatchet, R. I., desired, so he was sent to Grafton and given the use of a 1,000-acre tract of land of his father's near where the village of Grafton Center now stands, part of which farm is now owned by the subject of this sketch. He lived to be upwards of sixty years old. He had eight children, all girls.

Theodore Robinson, the father of our subject, was born in Canton, Mass., about the year 1832, and died at the age of thirty-four. He was the only issue of his father's marriage. The mother married again, her second husband being Charles Henry Lawrence. In early life Theodore Robinson was a butcher of Roxbury, Mass., and later was superintendent of the Fire Engine & Hose Co., of the village, and chief of the department in cases of fire. The engine was one of the old style, rarely seen nowadays, for which the power was furnished by the men of the company; the engine was also pulled to the fire by the members of the company, and many are the amusing anecdotes told of Mr. Robinson in his efforts in urging his men to exert their utmost strength to beat the rival engine to the scene of the fire. His father, Stephen Robinson, was a blacksmith of an ingenious turn of mind, and the original inventor of the trip-hammer.

Warren L. Robinson was reared in East Boston, and attended the ward school and the Rice High School. Having a natural turn for dramatic art he spent three years in the study of elocution, and then for three years filled very creditably a place on the staff of the Boston Museum Co. He is a member of the Actors' Fund, which shows that he stands high in the estimation of the profession. Being of a very social nature, Mr. Robinson's good fellowship led him into excesses, to escape which he came to the town of Grafton in 1890, and entered upon the peaceful pursuit of a farmer, on a part



of the land which formed his great-grandfather's estate. The farm comprises 190 acres, chiefly of interval land, located on the border of the little stream that was known in early days as Smith's River, which flows into the Pemigewasset at Bristol.

On Dec. 24, 1893, he was married at Grafton Center to Susan Bachelor, daughter of Emerson and Carrie (Munyon) Bachelor, of the town of Grafton. In politics Mr. Robinson had until recent years affiliated with the Democratic party, but not being able in late campaigns to support its platforms, he has thrown his influence with the party of protection and sound money with telling effect.

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JAMES RILEY YOUNG, deceased. It is proper to put on record some of the salient facts in the life of James Riley Young of Lisbon, New Hampshire. A good part of the business development of the town and much of its educational and moral advance have been closely identified with his life and are directly traceable to his influence. The town well remembers the shock of his death in 1884, when with failing health he had still devoted himself to the interests of his business, and as long as it was possible continued his other associations.

He was born on Sugar Hill, Jan. 31, 1828, and was the son of Ithiel and Nancy (Wells) Young, who were both born in Lisbon, the father Sept. 10, 1801, and the mother Jan. 2, 1805. Ithiel was a son of Joseph, who was born in Haverhill, Mass., in 1768, and was a son of Maj. John Young. The other children of Ithiel and Nancy Young were: Susan, born Jan. 8, 1826; Martha, born Feb. 18, 1830; Mary, born Feb. 18, 1830; Artemas W., born Dec. 9, 1831; Zemira, born Jan. 30, 1835; Sarah Jane, born Nov. 28, 1837; Charles, born Jan. 3, 1841; Eliza Ann, born Dec. 12, 1842; Carlos G., born Feb. 9, 1845; Millard F., born Sept. 9, 1850.

Riley Young, as he was familiarly called, lived on Sugar Hill during his earlier days. He was away at school in Danville and Newbury Academies, Vermont, two of the best known academies of this part of the country at that time, and he taught a number of terms of school, one at the

age of fourteen. Oct. 24, 1847, he married Emily Harris, a daughter of Houghton Harris of Franconia. Shortly afterwards, in 1851, he formed a partnership with Charles Parker, and the two families removed to Lyman, N. H., where the firm of Parker & Young carried on a general store, and gradually developed other interests. They owned several starch mills, which they operated for many years.

In 1856 Mr. Young came to Lisbon and opened a store for general merchandise, which, in a few years, became a well-established business and drew for patronage upon a large surrounding country. It was located in what is known as the Town Hall Block, and had in connection with it a tailor-shop. Here also was the postoffice, and Mr. Young was postmaster from 1860 to 1868.

Mrs. Young, who had been an invalid for several years, died, October, 1864, of phthisis. She was a very attractive woman, beloved by her family and friends.

In 1864 the Lyman business, which had become unprofitable in comparison with the flourishing Lisbon concern, was disposed of, and Mr. Parker, who had been in charge, came to Lisbon to assist in the store there.

Mr. Young married, April 25, 1865, Susan Gerrish Ayers of Canterbury, N. H., who was for a year a teacher in the public schools of Lisbon, and had for a pupil Mr. Young's son Lucius. Mrs. Young is a lineal descendant of Revolutionary heroes, and of Col. William Pepperell, father of Sir William Pepperell, the captor of Louisburg.

In 1868 Parker & Young withdrew permanently from mercantile business and sold their stock to Woodworth Brothers, renting them the store. Several years were spent in settling a large number of outstanding accounts before they embarked upon other enterprises. In 1872 they commenced the manufacture of piano sounding-boards and boxes, in a mill a few hundred feet south of the west end of the bridge, using water power entirely for some years. This mill was for a long time one of the two manufactories of sounding-boards in the United States, the other one being located in Northern New York. The business enlarged rapidly, and in a few years enjoyed a large amount of patronage from makers of pianos, both in this country and

abroad. In course of time the making of chair stock and bridges was added to the sounding-board business.

The firm met many losses by fire and flood, but at each and every occasion, when others were disheartened, Mr. Young's quick courage and indomitable will pushed him ahead. When piano manufacturers failed, losing the firm the fruits of its past toil, Mr. Young only worked the harder for the future, and when the mill was destroyed by fire in 1872 no one was surprised to see it go up again almost before the ashes were cold. When the second time came and Mr. Young stood in the early morning on a small bluff overlooking the smoldering ruins of the mill he had once replaced, he said only, "It's no use crying over spilt milk." He never gave voice to the discouragement he must have felt, but devoted his whole energies to the rebuilding. Land was bought a half-mile south of the bridge, on the east side of the river; a large tract sufficient for further extension as the business grew.

Mr. Young's health had been failing now for several years, the result of a series of slight apoplectic attacks. He could not stop work, he could not prevent the almost ceaseless activity of his body and his brain. As long as it was possible he was on the ground, superintending every detail of the building of the new mill, making his own plans and embodying in the new structure many new features, the results of his own experience and of his observation in other buildings of the kind. When he became so weak that even his own indomitable will could not sustain him, he was obliged to spend much of his time at his home. But even then he was not an idle invalid. The employees came to him; for several months he carried on at home the work of "paying off" the men, and they came for orders—everything and anything—so that he should not lose his intimate connection with these interests. He never did. On Monday evening, Feb. 18, 1884, he was long and earnestly engaged in dictating the articles of agreement for the stock company, the Parker & Young Manufacturing Co., which was to carry on the old business in its new quarters. Perhaps it was this exertion that occasioned an attack of apoplexy during the night. The attack came on, a second one followed, and he died Thursday evening, Feb. 21, 1884.

Mr. Young was certainly closely identified with the industrial development of Lisbon. A number of interests have been developed through his influence directly. A good number of men have been furnished with employment, and, so far as the knowledge of the historian goes, there have been no strikes. The men employed were American citizens and substantial men of the town. They were treated honorably. Mr. Young was a thorough business man with business instincts that served him well. His good judgment was proverbial, so much so that one often heard after his death, "If Riley Young were only alive!" when a quick, intelligent decision was needed. He was industrious, faithful, and he was courageous in the face of the largest discouragements. His indomitable perseverance in all catastrophes excites one's enthusiastic admiration.

But it is not alone in this capacity as a business man that Mr. Young is remembered. He was for five years a member of the board of education and devoted considerable time to these duties. It is said that he could be depended upon to uphold the authority of the teacher when it was necessary so to do. At all times he was ready to give his services to the schools, whether it was a question of discipline, of new building supplies, or of the introduction of improved courses of study. He was serving on the board at the time of his death.

He had been a member of the choir of the Methodist Church for twenty-eight years, and was always in his seat on Sunday and at the rehearsal Friday evening, even when to be there meant a great effort and the sacrifice of other important interests. He was never a member of the church organization. He was not a man to make many professions; he went ahead and lived an honest, diligent, and honorable life, and said very little about it. Many acts of charity have come to knowledge since his death, and many acts of self-denial in money and personal comfort have come to light. No one knew them at the time.

Mr. Young early identified himself with the Masonic interests of the town, being made a Master Mason in Kane Lodge, No. 64, in 1859; and exalted in Franklin Chapter, Jan. 31, 1861. He took the deepest interest in his Masonic relations, filling several important offices. The



services after his death were conducted under Masonic orders.

But it was in his home, with his family, that Mr. Young was seen at his best. He took a great deal of interest in the work and the pleasures of his children. They were in his mind and were continually receiving the benefits of some thoughtfulness on his part. He was not too weary with a hard day's work to sit up a good part of the night to take care of a sick child for weeks at a time. He never came home from a business trip without "bringing them something."

The children of Mr. Young and Susan G. Young are Emilie A., Ellen L., and Charles A., besides a daughter Susie, who died Nov. 14, 1873, at the age of seven months. Emilie A. Young, who is a physician, married, Feb. 19, 1895, Robert Lincoln O'Brien of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Young's children by his first marriage were: James Henry, who died in infancy; and Lucius Alfred, born July 10, 1850. In May, 1872, Lucius married Louise Woodworth, a clever woman and a devoted wife. They lived in Lisbon a number of years. Lucius had a general store on the Square; he was town clerk for a number of years, an Odd Fellow, postmaster, and founder of the Lisbon Index in September, 1882. The last eight years of his life were spent in Southern Pines, where he died of phthisis Aug. 23, 1893, leaving many friends north and south.

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GEN. PAUL LANG, a practicing attorney-at-law of the town of Orford, N. H., was born in the town of Bath, N. H., July 1, 1860; his parents moved to Orford when he was an infant. Upon finishing the district school course, he attended Orford Academy, St. Johnsbury Academy, and Dartmouth College, remaining one year at the latter institution. He studied law with George W. Chapman of Woodsville, and was admitted to practice at the March term of court, in 1882, having commenced his studies in 1879.

He went into partnership with his preceptor, and continued with him until Mr. Chapman's death, Aug. 11, 1896. Mr. Lang is an attorney for the B. & M. R. R., and much of his time is

taken up in the settlement of railroad business. In the political circles of the State he is widely known. In the campaigns of 1888 and 1890 he was member of the executive committee for Grafton Co.; he has also been a member of the Republican State Committee. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1889. In 1889 he was appointed Judge-Advocate General on the staff of Governor David H. Goodell, with the rank of brigadier-general. In his profession and in other walks of life he has distinguished himself for his energy, and cool judgment; his legal cases bear the stamp of a man who is familiar with law and legal procedure, and who gives close attention to the small points that go to make success.

His grandfather was Sherburne Lang, an early settler of Bath, coming from the city of Boston; the family is of Highland Scottish origin. Sherburne Lang married Mehitabel Ricker, daughter of Joshua Ricker, who was born April 9, 1737, and lived to be seventy-six years old; his wife, Betsy Drew, was born Oct. 28, 1740, and was married June 28, 1756.

Hon. David R. Lang, the father of our subject, was born in Bath, May 6, 1830; his general education was obtained at the old Newbury Seminary, and at Dartmouth College. He studied law three years with Hon. Harry Hibbard of Bath, graduated from the Albany, N. Y., Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1857, at Haverhill. He practiced in Bath until 1864, removing at that time to Orford, having previously practiced there to some extent. He was extremely popular among his associates, a man of infinite jest and good humor, making friends by his cheerful and good-natured way of taking life. He was also much esteemed as a man of character and excellent judgment; he represented the town of Bath in the Legislature of 1859 and 1860, and the town of Orford in 1867-68-69-71. He was appointed Judge of Probate for Grafton Co. in 1870, and held the office four years.

His marriage with Josephine R. Smith was solemnized in 1859; she was a daughter of Asa P. and Mehitabel (Ricker) Smith; Mr. Smith was a merchant of the town of Bath. Mehitabel Ricker (Smith) lives still at the advanced age of eighty-nine, and makes her home with the subject of this sketch. She was a daughter of Ebenezer Ricker, who was born June 23, 1780, and



lived to the age of eighty-six. He married Betsey Hurd, a daughter of Jacob Hurd, one of the original settlers of Bath; his father owned the entire town of Bath at one time, and Jacob came to act as his agent, and sell the land for him. Jacob's father was one of four brothers, who came to America in the early days of the eighteenth century. There were born to Judge David R. Lang and his wife seven children, as follows: Paul, the subject of this historical sketch; Hittie R., the wife of Clarence H. Carr of Orford; Edward J., a merchant of Wellington, Kans.; Mary Augusta, deceased; David R., Jr., deceased; Mary J., who married Charles Southard, a merchant of North Haverhill; and David R., Jr., the second of that name, who has been employed in a railroad office in Boston for several years.

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CHARLES H. HEATH, a brick mason, in which trade he is a skilled artisan, lives on a fine fifty-acre farm on the banks of the Pemigewasset River, in the town of Bridgewater, and was born in the town of Ashland, N. H., July 24, 1848. He is a son of Charles B. and Abigail B. (Cross) Heath. The latter is the daughter of Abijah Cross, a soldier in the War of 1812, who married a Miss Sarah Ferrin; Abijah was a son of Simeon Cross of the town of Methuen, Mass., who was one of the first settlers of Bridgewater, and purchased a tract of 300 acres in the town; his wife was Abigail Corliss, also of Methuen, Mass. Richard Cross was the father of Simeon Cross, and came from England and settled in Methuen, Mass.

Charles B. Heath was born in Bridgewater, N. H., and was killed by the cars in 1886, at the age of sixty-two. He was an expert carpenter and machinist, but in his later years devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was a son of Joseph and Hannah (Heath) Heath, the former a son of Josiah Heath, who in late life was a farmer and formerly a shoemaker, having three or four workmen in his employ; his wife was Sarah Bennett. Charles B. Heath served in Co. A., 7th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., and on account of severe wounds was discharged at the end of fifteen months' service.

When our subject was six years old his parents moved to the town of Bridgewater, and there he

attended the district schools until his fourteenth year, when he followed his father's example and enlisted in the Union service. He was one of the youngest volunteers who ever carried a musket and fought in the Federal Army, and had to make several attempts before he succeeded in enlisting; his mother objected every time because of his extreme youth, but finally seeing his fixed determination to go she gave her consent, and he accordingly was enlisted in Co. E., 12th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf. After two years service he was discharged in the spring of 1865, having served through all the severe engagements in the Wilderness campaign, receiving at Cold Harbor three severe wounds: in the heel, in the back, and in the knee, from which he is still a sufferer.

On June 3, 1865, a day after his return from the front, he was married, in Manchester, N. H., to Ella J. Hannaford, a daughter of Russell J. and Sarah L. (Holt) Hannaford. Sarah L. Holt was born in Wilton, N. H., and was a daughter of Nathaniel B. and Sarah W. (Upham) Holt, the latter a daughter of Ezra and Bethia (Burnap) Upham. Russell J. Hannaford was the son of Guy and Elizabeth (Tilton) Hannaford of Peacham, Vt., and Tilton, N. H., respectively. Guy Hannaford was the son of James and Lydia (Russell) Hannaford, both of Peacham, Vt. In the summer of 1866 Mr. Heath learned the brick mason's trade in Manchester, and worked there at that trade six years, then moved to New Hampton, where he made his home for five years on his father's farm, plying his trade in Ashland, then lived in Ashland for six years.

On July 3, 1883, he took up his residence on his present farm in Bridgewater, which has been his abiding place ever since. All through the summer and fall months he is engaged in laying brick, and his services are in great demand, because of his skill and careful workmanship. On purchasing his present home he tore down the old house and barn standing there, and constructed a complete set of new and modern buildings, most of the work being done by his own hands. After laying the foundations he employed a journeyman carpenter for two months to assist in constructing the frames, in erecting the heavy timbers, and inclosing them. After that period of the construction, he did every bit of the work on the building, lathing, plastering, painting, and finishing them in every particular,





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with his own hand, so he is now the owner of a thoroughly finished and beautiful home, situated between a clear running river on one side and a wooded hill on the other.

To our subject and wife were born three children: Harry S., a successful and leading photographer of Plymouth, married Eda Mann; Lula Mabel is the wife of Dr. I. H. Small, D. D. S., of Roxbury, Mass.; Inez I. is the wife of Samuel A. Patterson, an attorney-at-law of Ashbury Park, N. J.; he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Heath is a staunch Republican, and has served the town of Bridgewater two years as supervisor, and three years as constable. He is a member of Passaconway Lodge, No. 49, Knights of Pythias, of Ashland; O. W. Keyes Post, No. 35, G. A. R.; and Camp No. 6, Sons of Veterans, of Ashland; and is also a member of the A. P. A. Mrs. Heath is a member of the Pythian Sisters, and of the Women's Relief Corps. They are both regular attendants and valued workers of the Baptist Church of the town of Ashland.

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CHARLES WRIGHT PULSIFER, one of the most prosperous and best-known farmers of Campton, Grafton Co., was born on the homestead, which is now owned by his brother, Thomas S. Pulsifer, April 9, 1828. He is a son of John and Polly (Palmer) Pulsifer, a grandson of Joseph and Mary (Brown) Pulsifer, and a great-grandson of Joseph and Sarah (Lovell) Pulsifer.

Joseph Pulsifer, Sr., was born in Ipswich, Mass., 1705, and entered into the married state in 1744. His children have settled in Connecticut, New York, New Hampshire, and in Maine. His son Joseph, who was born on the homestead in Ipswich, learned the cabinet-maker's trade, and practiced it in his native village, until the times became hard and the demand for articles manufactured by his trade exceedingly small. So our subject's grandfather determined to seek a new home where he could find land to work in addition to his work at cabinet-making; so hearing from some of his neighbors who had gone to Grafton Co., N. H., and who gave good reports of the country, he determined to make his home there. In pursuance of this idea he

started with his wife for Campton, bringing what articles they could on horseback. Upon their arrival they found all the choice river farms had been already settled, so they settled upon a claim in the center of the town. After they lived there a few years and found the land too sandy to cultivate heavy crops, and feeling sure that better land might be found, Joseph Pulsifer set out with Chiliub Brainard to locate a new farm. They prospected, as it were, for the location by climbing tall trees, and in that way obtained a fair idea of the lay of the land. They at last decided on the hill, where Thomas S. and David B. Pulsifer now live; they at once set to work to clear the land of the heavy growth of timber that covered it, Joseph clearing where Thomas S. Pulsifer lives now, and Chiliub Brainard preparing for cultivation the farm now owned by David B. Pulsifer. Joseph built a small frame house, and fastened all the boards and shingles with wooden pegs, because of the scarcity and expense of nails. He managed to do some work at his old trade of cabinet-maker; the large straight-grain maples, having been felled, he would split them into boards, for saw-mills were not yet introduced into that pioneer country, and then with the aid of adz and plane he would make them into useful articles of furniture, such as desks, tables, bureaus, etc. Many of the newly married couples of that day started out in housekeeping with furniture that came from Joseph Pulsifer's workshop; his descendants have many of the pieces of furniture to-day, and they show that he was a very skilled workman. With the help of his sons, who were all strong and well-proportioned, the smallest of them being five feet and eleven inches high, he cleared a large farm, and was acknowledged to be one of the leading farmers of the vicinity. He died in 1832, and his partner in life was taken to her rest in 1830. Their children were, as appears in this record: Mary married Darius Willey; Joseph married Abigail Willey; Sally married Joshua Fletcher; Annie married Samuel Elliott; Hannah married Tristram Bartlett; John married Polly Palmer; Moses married Mary Bartlett; Elizabeth married Joseph Giddings; Charles married Nancy Webster; Ruth married James Burbeck.

Maj. John Pulsifer, our subject's father, stayed at home and cared for his parents in their de-

clining years. He carried on general farming operations, and by careful management he was enabled to buy land adjoining his father's property, until he became the owner of 300 acres. About the year 1812 he built himself a large house, which is still standing, and two barns. In addition he made many other improvements, but to say simply that he made many improvements does not describe the scope and magnitude of his labors, for he was a model farmer and was never satisfied unless everything was done in the best possible way, conducive to the best possible results. He took a very lively interest in town affairs, and was ever ready by word or deed in bettering the condition of the town and keeping it abreast with the best. He served in the State militia as a captain and also as a major. The Congregational Church became his choice in respect to religious worship. He was born Feb. 2, 1781, and died at the age of ninety-three years; even at the time of his death his constitution seemed unimpaired, his death resulting from a broken hip occasioned by a fall. His wife was born in 1784 and died in 1839. His second wife was Martha L. Foss, and she lived to enjoy her ninetieth year. His children by his first wife were: George, Martha, Sarah, Phebe, Joseph, Walter, John M., Elizabeth, Lydia, Thomas S., and Charles W.

Charles Wright Pulsifer secured a good education in the public school, and worked on the homestead with his father until 1856, when he bought the E. B. Morrison farm of 100 acres; he has since added thirty-six acres more. The farm lies in the western part of the town of Campton, in what is known as the Bog Brook Valley; the soil is of the best quality, and the land has a good fall. Our subject has built a new barn, remodeled the house, and enlarged it considerably; he has also cleared some new land and made many general improvements on the farm. His choice dairy includes eighteen head. He is also interested in the raising of sheep.

He married Melvina Cook, who was born July 30, 1830. She is a daughter of Thomas and Martha (Bartlett) Cook. Our subject has two children: Willard C. and Lizzie G. Willard C. was born May 11, 1858, and married Clara J. Worthen, and has two children, Fred E. and Maud L. He is engaged in general farming with his father. Lizzie G., born Sept. 27, 1868, mar-

ried George E. Pulsifer, who is one of the leading young farmers of the town of Campton.

Throughout his life Mr. Pulsifer has maintained unswerving allegiance to the Republican party, and never let an opportunity pass in supporting it. He has served in various town offices, and has been selectman for six years. He is a member of the Congregational Church. He is also a member of the local Grange, and takes great interest in its aims and hopes.

Mr. Pulsifer's portrait, which appears on another page, will doubtless be viewed with much interest by all who have learned to know him and to respect him for his many good qualities.

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HON. DAVID A. GRANT, a dairy farmer and sheep raiser, is engaged in his calling on his farm, near the village of Lyme. He was born in his present home, Sept. 24, 1856, and is a son of Sidney S. and Louisa (Turner) Grant, the latter a daughter of David and Lavina (Jenks) Turner.

The Grant family originated from Matthew Grant, who came over to America, in 1630, on the ship "Mary and John." The one who founded the branch to which our subject belongs was born in 1605. Following is the record of his descendants in a direct line to David A. Grant: Samuel Grant, born in England, Nov. 12, 1631, was married Nov. 6, 1659; Nathaniel, born April 14, 1672, was married May 16, 1699; Benjamin, born Feb. 8, 1708, was married Feb. 10, 1731; Benjamin, Jr., born in 1745, was married in 1772; Alanson, born June 24, 1775, was married Nov. 24, 1799; Sidney S., the father of David A., was born March 16, 1816, married June 24, 1837, and died Feb. 28, 1893.

Benjamin Grant, Jr., the great-grandfather of our subject, was a soldier in Gen. Wolfe's army before Quebec, and died in that war, leaving an only son, Alanson, and his wife to mourn his loss. He was never seen by his son, who was born when his father was in Canada. Benjamin Grant, Jr., owned a mill on his farm at the brook, and there a son, brother of Alanson, was killed. The first church in the town of Lyme was on the farm, not far from the site of the old mill.

Alanson was born, it is thought, in a house that stood in the south-western part of the farm,



but which has been removed long since. He was a carpenter and farmer. His wife was Polly Fairfield.

Sidney Grant was born in Lyme village, and was occupied in farming all his life. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and a deacon many years. He was a Republican, and represented the town in the Legislature two years, and was selectman for twelve years. Five children were born to him and his wife, as follows: Maria, wife of Dr. Walker of Greenfield, Mass.; Turner, who died in the army in 1863; Caroline M., who married Adna Chase of Lyme; Mary E., deceased, who married West S. Balch of Lyme; and David A., the subject of this sketch. The mother died Feb. 14, 1895.

There is quite a sad and affecting little story connected with the death of Turner Grant, our subject's older brother. Turner, a cousin and a friend were inseparable friends. When one joined the army the rest did also, and messed and tented together. They were all taken with the measles, and one of them, the friend, was recovering, and would have soon been on his feet a well man, when the other two took an unfavorable turn and died. The shock of their death affected the friend so severely that he began sinking, and died very soon after. Their bodies were sent home, and were laid to rest together, inseparable in death as in life, the funeral taking place from the church in the village of Lyme.

Mr. Grant was educated in the district schools and in Thetford Academy, living on the farm in the meantime till he was eight years old, when he went to the village and spent twelve years, as his parents had moved there. When they returned to farm life Mr. Grant, our subject's father, and his father purchased from time to time pieces of farming property till their possessions included 425 acres, Mr. Grant's amounting at the present time to 350 acres. When Mr. Grant was twenty-three he took charge of the farm, and his parents made their home with him. His dairy is kept up by ten cows of standard quality. He owns 150 sheep, and derives no small part of his income from the wool and mutton.

Mr. Grant and his wife were united in marriage, Nov. 11, 1879. She is Phebe Whipple, a daughter of Simeon R. and Lucy (Rugg) Whipple, and was born in Lyme. Her father was a

son of Joel G. and Lois (Goodell) Whipple, and her mother's parents were Nathan and Lavina (Newcomb) Rugg. Our subject's marriage has been blessed with two children: Fred Whipple, born Nov. 2, 1880; and Mildred M., born Jan. 15, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Grant are members of the Congregational Church of Lyme, and are well thought of as among its best workers; Mr. Grant is a deacon. He is a member of Morning Star Grange, No. 62. He is a Republican of no uncertain type, and has been a selectman for three years, and a member of the school board. In the election of 1896 he was chosen by the citizens of Lyme as their representative in the Legislature at Concord.

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GEORGE S. SMITH, proprietor of Hillside Farm, near East Hebron, N. H., was born in the town of Bridgewater, this county, Oct. 22, 1853. He is a son of Phineas B. and Maria (Gibbs) Smith, the latter is a daughter of George and Dorcas (Durant) Gibbs. George Gibbs was a painter and carpenter in early life, and later followed farming, living to the age of sixty-five.

Phineas Smith was born at Fremont, N. H., in 1823. When a young man he taught school in Grafton Co. a number of years, and also in Massachusetts, in the region of Cape Cod. He lives at present on his fine farm in Plymouth. In politics he is a Republican, and accepts the Universalist creed as his belief in religion. He is a son of Samuel and Sally (Beede) Smith. Samuel Smith was a member of the State militia, lived to about the age of eighty-one. His wife, a daughter of Phineas Beede, lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years. Phineas Smith was thrice married; of the first marriage only one child was born, and of the second eight children were the result, and no children by his last marriage.

Our subject was reared in the town of Bridgewater, and attended the district schools in that and neighboring towns, and also a few terms to good advantage at New Hampton Institute. Until attaining his majority he remained at home working for his father, and after he became of age still remained on the farm most of the time, until his marriage at the age of twenty-three. Shortly after he was married he and his wife en-



gaged to work on a farm at the head of New Found Lake, near East Hebron, remaining there five years. In 1882 he bought his present farm of 165 acres, to which he added other tracts, and now lives on a high piece of land, the whole estate amounting to about 265 acres.

He was married March 15, 1877, to Emma McClure, daughter of George W. and Mary Ann (Merrill) McClure. Mrs. Smith was born April 20, 1857, and departed this life June 8, 1886. Their union was blessed with four children: Bertha M., Bernetta M., Roy M., and Jenette. Roy M., the only survivor of the children, was born July 18, 1882. In politics Mr. Smith is a Republican, and has served as selectman some seven years, two years at one time, and is now in his fifth consecutive term. He is a member of Olive Branch Grange, No. 79, of Hebron. Among his towns-people he is regarded as a man of excellent judgment, and of many noble parts, and is much respected as one who has been of great service to the community in which he lives.

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HON. JOHN E. MARTIN, an eminent citizen of the town of Grafton, where he is engaged in dealing in lumber, grain, phosphates, and farming implements, was born in the above town Aug. 26, 1845. He is a son of Lyman R. and Ruth (Davis) Martin, and grandson of James and Jennie (Ford) Martin.

James Martin was born in the State of Rhode Island, and settled in Grafton, N. H., at an early day. To the vocation of farming he added that of pearl-ash and pot-ash burner, a pursuit he followed during the active period of his life. He was a very prosperous man for his day, and accumulated considerable property, mostly in real estate. He was a Whig in politics, and liberal in his religious views. His wife, a daughter of Robert Ford of Grafton, N. H., bore him the following children, twelve in number: James, Lyman R., Sally, John, Robert, Mary A., Lydia, Benjamin, Ira, Janette, Albert, and George.

Lyman R. Martin, our subject's father, was born Feb. 22, 1817, and attended the district schools until nearly the age of maturity. Farming and lumbering were his chief occupations

during life; he was also a skilled stone-wall builder, and occasionally took contracts for that kind of work when his other business would permit. He was a stanch Democrat, and was honored by his party with two terms in the State Legislature. Of his marriage with Ruth Davis of the town of Grafton three children were born: John E., the subject of this sketch; and two that died in infancy.

John E. Martin attended the district schools, and early turned his attention to mercantile pursuits; he was in business in Grafton Center twelve years, and then removed to Grafton, where he continued in the same line of business for six more years.

In 1885 he gave up his store and purchased the farm he now owns, and in the following years engaged in the lumber business, owning a saw-mill at Grafton Center. He has also developed an extensive trade in grain, phosphates, and farming implements. He is an old line Democrat, one of the "wheel-horses" of the party in the town of Grafton, which he has served in various official capacities, having been selectman three years, town clerk three years, treasurer eleven years, supervisor several terms, and justice of the peace since 1889. He represented the town in the Legislature in 1889, and was postmaster for Grafton under Cleveland's first administration, and deputy postmaster for a term extending over twenty years.

He was married Dec. 15, 1869, to Maria E. Shaw, daughter of Gilman Shaw of Manchester, this State.

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HON. LORENZO FLANDERS, who is farming in the town of Bridgewater, Grafton Co., was born in Bradford, N. H., Aug. 13, 1823. His grandfather Flanders lived in Hopkinton, N. H., where he followed farming and lived to be seventy-five or eighty years old.

Lorenzo Flanders's father, Moses, was born in North Hampton, N. H., lived in Bradford for a time, and then moved to Bridgewater in the spring of 1838. The house in which he lived, now our subject's residence, was built by a man named Brown, who was afterwards killed by the Indians in Minnesota sometime in the fifties.

The farm now comprises 100 acres, some fifty acres of the original tract having been sold. Moses died in July, 1859, one month before his seventy-third birthday. He married Nancy Emery, daughter of Moses Emery, and to her were born seven children: Elmira (Austin), deceased; Janette (Hunt), deceased; Alonzo, who lives in Henniker, N. H.; Cordelia (Austin), deceased; Lorenzo, the subject of this biography; Moses, who lives in the town of Bridgewater; and Diantha, deceased, who was married in the State of Iowa, and died soon after the nuptials were consummated.

Our subject was reared in Bradford and Warner before coming to Bridgewater in 1838, and attended the district schools in these different towns until he was nineteen years of age. When he attained his majority he went to Lowell, Mass., and worked for three years in the cotton mills, and one year in the bobbin shop. He returned home for a year or two, and then moved to Holyoke, Mass., where he engaged in carpentry work for one year, and after a short time he went to Minnesota and pursued the latter trade. The State was still very much unsettled, and the Indians were very prevalent at that time. One hundred acres in what is now the city of Minneapolis he could have bought for a few hundred dollars. He then returned to his home in Bridgewater, and, his father dying a few years afterward, he has been engaged in farming there ever since. He was married Dec. 12, 1858, to Eliza S. Tilton, daughter of Benjamin and Betsy (Batchelder) Tilton. He was married a second time Nov. 12, 1863, to Mrs. Hannah W. Page, a daughter of Asa and Sarah (Wells) Drew, and granddaughter of Amos Drew. To our subject has been born four children: Annie E., by his first wife, who died at the age of sixteen years; and by his second wife, Luella S., who died in infancy; Leonard D., who is farming with his parents; and Emery M., a foreman in a shoe factory in Boston. Three brothers of Mrs. Flanders fought on the side of the Union in the late war; one died in the army, one soon after his return, and the third in August, 1895. Our subject and wife are numbered among the prominent members of the Free Will Baptist Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and represented the town in the State Legislature in 1887.

AMOS M. PIKE, a farmer of the town of Haverhill, was born on the farm, where he now makes his home, Oct. 24, 1839. Daniel Pike, his great-great-grandfather, lived at Dunstable during the Revolution; he married Miss Kendall, who bore him eleven children, of whom Joseph was the third in seniority. Joseph Pike served in the Revolutionary Army, and married Abigail Sawtelle, who presented him with thirteen children, of whom Parley was the eldest. Parley Pike, born at Hollis, N. H., Sept. 20, 1778, died Oct. 25, 1838, married Mary Cross, who was born July 12, 1778, and became the father of a fine family of fifteen children. The second child, Eli Pike, the father of our subject, was born in Plymouth, N. H., Sept. 8, 1806, and died in Haverhill in the house which shelters his son, Amos M. Pike, Feb. 18, 1883. He was reared in Plymouth, and attended the district schools till the years of early manhood; he followed farming as a principal means of support. He also worked at the butcher business for a term of years at Brighton, Mass., and at the age of seventeen was a truckman at Charleston, Mass., and drew much of the stone that entered into the construction of Bunker Hill Monument. He lived in Massachusetts till about 1830, coming to Haverhill at that time. In North Haverhill he and his two brothers, Newhall and Asher, owned a brickyard for a short time, and made the brick with which the court house and county buildings at Haverhill were constructed. About 1835 he sold his interest in the brick business, and bought a farm in the northeast corner of Haverhill township, settling on it before there was any settlement in that locality, and there engaged in farming and lumbering till his death, in 1883. He was married in Charleston, Mass., March 18, 1832, to Mary Ann Sinnott, who was born in Saco, Me., Sept. 10, 1809, and died in Haverhill, Oct. 6, 1858. She was a daughter of William Sinnott, who married a daughter of Stephen Richards of Saco, Me. William Sinnott was a ship carpenter by trade, as was his father, William Sinnott, Sr., who was born on board ship on the ocean when his parents were making the passage from England to America. William Sinnott, Jr., was an officer in the militia, and his sword has been handed down to his descendants, and is now in the possession of his grandson, the subject of this sketch. Newhall Pike, the eldest brother of



our subject's father, was born in 1805, and worked at hauling stone for the Bunker Hill Monument one year before his brother. When he disposed of the brick business he held an interest in, he became the station agent at North Haverhill for the B. & M. R. R., which passed through his farm. He speculated in tanning bark and lumber, and managed to turn many an honest penny by such deals. He was selectman of Haverhill for many years. He married Lavina Penniman of Plymouth, and died at the age of fifty, leaving no issue to inherit his property.

Amos M. Pike was the fourth of the following family of eight children born to his parents: Charles; and one, who died in infancy; Sarah M. (Collins) lives in Benton; Amos M.; Hannah C., deceased; Clifton P. of Benton; Franklin, deceased; Ezra T., deceased. Our subject attended the district schools in Haverhill, near his early home, till he was ten years old, when the family moved to Hopkinton, Mass., and there he attended the common and high schools till he was nineteen; at the latter age he moved back to Haverhill, where he finished his schooling.

In 1860 he accepted a position in the big shoe factory of Claffin, Coburn & Co., and remained with the firm for two years, proving himself a conscientious and trustworthy workman in every respect; he had previously worked at the trade, from the age of twelve till he was twenty-one, at different times. In 1862 he returned to Haverhill, his father having moved there some years previous, and worked out in the Connecticut Valley on farms for five years. When he was married, March 20, 1867, he came to his present farm, and immediately took charge of it, and has made it his home for the past thirty years. He now owns about 200 acres, which is devoted to dairy farming; ten or twelve choice cows convert the fodder products of the farm into the milk which he disposes of at the North Haverhill Creamery.

He was married to his present life-partner in joy and sorrow in Benton; Lucetta S. Taylor was born in Benton, the eldest of eleven children, born to Charles C. and Diana (Bishop) Tyler. Charles C. Tyler of Benton, was one of sixteen children born to Kimball Tyler, a pioneer settler of Benton, and his wife Sallie Streeter. Diana Bishop, mother of our subject's wife, was a daughter of Samuel and Betsey (Caswell)

Bishop. Three children, all living and well-to-do, were the result of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Pike; they are: Alvin D.; Wilbur F., a blacksmith of North Haverhill, to whom has been born one son, Forest Amos; Susan D. married James H. Nutter of Bath, and has made him the parent of one daughter, Doris Lucetta. Our subject and his highly esteemed wife attend the Benton Union Church. Mr. Pike is a member of Ammonoosuc Grange, No. 55, of Bath; Mrs. Pike is at present the lecturer of the Grange. Mr. Pike is a Democrat, and served as highway surveyor for seven years. His conduct in life has been noble and honorable in every particular, and he well merits the good opinion in which he is held by all with whom he comes in contact.

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ERASTUS B. DEARBORN, a retired glove manufacturer of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of Asaph Dearborn, grandson of Benjamin Dearborn, great-grandson of Edwin Dearborn, and great-great-grandson of Samuel Dearborn, who came from Chester, N. H., being one of the earliest settlers of the town of Plymouth. He located on what is known as Ward's Hill, and the Dearborn homestead is on what is now called Dearborn Hill. The family is, in a true sense of the word, a Plymouth family, having been represented in the town for six generations.

Benjamin Dearborn married Ruth Gill, and they reared a family of three sons and three daughters. Asaph was born on Dearborn Hill. He learned the blacksmith's trade, but owing to failing health, he decided to relinquish the trade and engage in agricultural pursuits. He was a public-spirited man, and very much interested in town politics. He made an excellent chairman of the board of selectmen, and saw many improvements completed that owed their inception to him. He married Sarah, daughter of Gilman Fletcher of Bridgewater, N. H. He passed away at the early age of thirty-two, leaving a wife and three boys: Erastus B.; Gill F.; Samuel A., who died at the age of twenty-six.

Erastus B. Dearborn was born in Plymouth, Oct. 24, 1847. His father's death, making him an orphan at an early age, made it a necessity that Erastus should fight his own battles in the world. At the age of twelve he began to work







HON. ERASTUS DOLE.

in a tannery at Plymouth, remaining there till he had served his apprenticeship. Mr. Dearborn and brother then began the manufacture of glove stock, under the firm name of Dearborn Bros., continuing in the work under that name for twelve years, when their business was enlarged and a partner admitted, changing the firm name to Dearborn Bros. & Farmer. In 1894 Mr. Dearborn retired.

Mr. Dearborn married Emma, daughter of Daniel Flanders of Plymouth, in December, 1872. They have a family of two children: Arthur E., who is engaged in Peppard's drug store; and Blanche S. Mr. Dearborn is a Master Mason; he is a member of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M.; Pemigewasset Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M.; Omega Council, No. 9, R. & S. M.; all of Plymouth, and he is a member of Pilgrim Commandery, K. T., at Laconia, N. H. He is also a member of Plymouth Lodge, No. 66, I. O. O. F. Mr. Dearborn is a Republican, and is serving the town as road agent at the present time; he represented the town in the State Legislature in 1895.

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HON ERASTUS DOLE, of the well-known firm of E. Dole & Co., extensive manufacturers of woolen fabrics, of Campton Village, N. H., was born in Limerick, Me., May 15, 1822. He is a son of Henry and Sarah (Butler) Dole, and the grandson of Henry and Anna (Poore) Dole. Both of his grandparents were natives of Newbury, Mass., and there reared nine children. Late in life they settled in Limerick, Me., and engaged in farming. Henry Dole, Sr., was a private in the War of 1812.

Henry Dole, Jr., was born in Newbury, Mass., and moved to Limerick with the family. There he was enabled to buy a large farm; he was married and reared a family of eleven children: Albert, Luther, Henry A., Almira, John, Ira, Silas, Edmund, Erastus, Phebe, and Moses C. He was one of the leading farmers of his time, and made a successful fight in the struggle for a competence and a living. He was a Federal and later a Democrat, and served as selectman, and in other of the minor offices of the town. He moved to Limerick at the age of twenty-eight,

and died there at the age of seventy-six. His wife departed this life at the age of forty-two.

At the age of seventeen our subject came to Campton in search of his fortune, and secured work as a journeyman in the cloth-dressing factory of Moses Cook. While in his employ Mr. Dole proved himself to be of such sound judgment and of exceptional skill, that his employer offered a partnership to him. So at the age of twenty-one he was received into the firm, and the firm's name changed to Moses Cook & Co. For six years they continued in business to their mutual satisfaction, and the improvement of their plant; at the end of that period our subject's brothers, John and Moses, bought Mr. Cook's interests, and re-established the business under the name of J. Dole & Bros. In 1855 the firm was changed to E. Dole & Co., Mr. Dole's brother John selling to E. H. Hodgdon, and under this name the firm is doing a prosperous business to-day. The members of the firm are Erastus Dole, Moses C. Dole, E. H. Hodgdon, and Moody C. Dole. They have built up a fine trade, and manufacture cassimeres, flannels, and stocking yarn. They also manufacture pants, and do a large amount of custom carding. The plant occupies a three-story building, fitted with modern, improved machinery of the most approved type. The establishment is known as the Mad River Woolen Mills of Campton Village, N. H.

Our subject married Samantha, daughter of Moody and Lucy (Eaton) Cook. She died in 1878, aged fifty-six. Their children are: Moody C. and Herbert E. Moody C. married Lillian Merrill, and has five children. Herbert E. married Alice Jackman, and has one child. He is engaged in the jewelry business in Boston. Mr. Dole's second wife was Flora E., daughter of Dr. Peter L. and Elizabeth A. (Davis) Hoyt.

Mr. Dole has an elegant residence near the factory, and delights to extend his hospitality to all his friends, whose name is legion. He is one of the leading men of the village, and has done much to aid it in its development. Even now, at his advanced age, he manages to take an active interest in town affairs. He is well preserved, in fact looks the very picture of health, and each day finds him as nimble as a boy in getting about his daily duties. A visitor at the mills will find him either in the office, working



at the books, or in charge of the first floor which he has overseen faithfully for so many years. He has always a kind word and smile for all his employees and patrons. His first vote was cast for Henry Clay for President, and since the formation of the Republican party has steadfastly supported it, voting for John C. Fremont and Abraham Lincoln, the first two standard-bearers of that party. He has represented the town in the State Legislature of 1869-70, and has also been selectman for four years. Other minor offices, which he has been frequently honored with, he has filled with great credit to himself and good results to the community. In his religious beliefs he favors the Congregational Church, and may be found a very regular worshipper in the church building of that society. This brief sketch and accompanying portrait will serve to perpetuate his memory, and remind future generations of his sterling worth.

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JOSEPH PARKER, a farmer of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of Benjamin Parker, who was born in 1801, and lived in Lancastershire, England. Benjamin was a manufacturer of shoes and a dealer in the same. He married Charlotte Sutliff of the same town. They had a family of fifteen children, and reared six of them to maturity, all of whom came to America. Mr. Parker made three visits to this country, but died in his native land at the age of sixty-two. After his death his wife came to this country, living at Rutland, Vt., where she fell into her last long sleep at the age of eighty-one, in 1885. Their children are: Thomas, born in 1822, died in 1885; Rev. John, born in 1825, and now lives in New York City; William, born in 1829, and killed in 1879, on the Pennsylvania R. R.; Martha (Kershaw), born in 1832, living now in Rutland, Vt.; Joseph; Susannah, born in 1842, died in 1874, in Philadelphia, Pa.; Mary A. (Shipman), born in 1847, and now residing in Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Mr. Parker was a direct descendant of Rear-Admiral Parker of the English navy.

Joseph Parker of Plymouth was born in Lancastershire, England, Jan. 15, 1838. He came to this country in 1854, landing in New York City.

His journey across the Atlantic was made in the sailing vessel, John Bright, spending six weeks on the way. After a short stay in New York, he went to Fulton Co., N. Y., and worked there about eighteen months; at the end of that time he traveled to Philadelphia, Pa., and worked in its vicinity for three years. He then went west to the States of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and while there worked two seasons on a steamboat, plying on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. He was a resident of Illinois for one year, going from there to Ellenville, N. Y. He was taken sick, so he went to Rutland, Vt., and remained with his sister there eight months.

After he had recovered from his illness he made his way to Philadelphia, and on May 7, 1861, enlisted for the war. He was assigned to the gunboat Louisiana, and was in the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron for three years. At the expiration of his period of enlistment he was honorably discharged, and, after a two months' rest, he again enlisted, this time in the 9th N. Y. Heavy Artillery. He was in all the battles in front of Petersburg, and was present at the surrender of Lee. He was in the battle of Cedar Creek under Sheridan, and followed him in his campaign along the Shenandoah Valley.

Immediately after the war he spent a short time in Massachusetts, and then took a six months' business course at the Commercial College of Rutland, Vt. His course finished, he went to New York, where he secured a situation in a commission house as clerk; he retained his place eighteen months, when he relinquished it and journeyed to Clyde, Ohio, and began business for himself as a buyer of produce for the New York markets. He prosecuted this business successfully for eighteen months, and then returned to New York City and engaged in the butter business for eight months, selling out finally, and then with a partner began again in business, this time as a dealer in painters' supplies. He continued in this business for four years. He then sold out his interest and clerked in a wholesale looking-glass establishment on the Bowery, being salesman and manager. After six years he resigned and went to California, carrying on a furniture business there for four years, when he sold out, and after spending a short time traveling through New Mexico and Arizona, he returned to Lowell, Mass.

Shortly after his return he bought a large farm in Thornton, N. H. There he engaged in farming; he also ran a summer boarding house. He became the owner of three more farms, but in 1892 he sold all his property to the New Hampshire Land Co. and bought a small farm near the town of Plymouth, where he now lives.

Mr. Parker is a member of the Plymouth Lodge, No. 66, I. O. O. F. He also belongs to the G. A. R., J. B. Penniman Post, No. 42. He is a Republican, and is very active in politics. He officiated as moderator of the town of Plymouth in 1896.

Mr. Parker married, in 1871, Frances, daughter of Capt. James Lyons of New York City. She died April 5, 1880, in Oakland, Cal., leaving three children: Ada F., wife of Charles Todd of Rindge, N. H.; she has two children, Frank and Bertha; Frederick H.; and Marion M., wife of George A. Brooks of Baldwinsville, Mass. In 1880 he again led a bride to the altar, the lady of his choice being Eliza (Haley) Lampson, daughter of John Haley of Hiram, Me.

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HON. JOHN MASON, a leading merchant of Plymouth, is the son of Daniel S. Mason, and grandson of David Mason. David Mason was one of the early settlers of Bristol, N. H. In addition to his work in cultivating a fine farm, he did considerable teaming between Bristol and the city of Boston. His wife's maiden name was Esther Moore; she made him the happy parent of three girls and four boys.

Daniel S. Mason was born on the old homestead, where his parents passed their last years. He remained on the farm and devoted himself to agriculture until 1854, when he moved to the village of Bristol and entered upon the manufacturing of paper. The venture proved successful, and he continued in the business until the mill burned down in 1860. He did not rebuild nor engage in active business life after this unfortunate occurrence. He married Angelina, daughter of Walter Webster of Plymouth, by whom he had four children: John; Ann M.; Elizabeth (Warner); Louisa A. (Blake). He was bereaved of his dear wife in 1848, when she was still a young woman; he was again married, to

Miss Ann M. Taylor, daughter of Nicholas M. Taylor of New Hampton, N. H. He departed this life at the age of seventy-six. He was one of the old line of Whigs; so on the final dissolution of that party he transferred his political allegiance to its offspring, the Republican party, then in its infancy. He has served his town in the capacity of selectman.

Hon. John Mason, the eldest child and only son, was born in Bristol, N. H., Oct. 21, 1836. He attended the Bristol district schools, and received a very good common school education. Finishing the course of study provided in the district school, he attended New Hampton Institute for a time.

He came to Plymouth when a lad of seventeen to act as clerk for B. B. Dearborn. This was his start in life, and he made good use of it as a stepping-stone to further success. At the age of twenty-three he became one of the firm of Bond, Moody & Mason, successors to B. B. Dearborn. He remained in the firm two years, when he sold his interest to his partners, and spent one year in Bristol; at the end of that time he returned to Plymouth and entered again into business life, this time associating himself with Plummer Fox. This partnership continued unbroken for eleven years, till 1873, when he carried on the business alone for three years. He then formed a partnership, the firm's name being Mason & Weeks; they were doing an extensive business when the store and stock was destroyed by fire in 1877. The new firm, Mason, Weeks & Co., at once set about rebuilding; the block was finished in 1879, and they at once opened up the store. In 1886 Mr. Mason bought out his partners, and has since conducted the business alone. He has a large store, well stocked with a carefully assorted line of general merchandise.

He was married, in 1864, to Susie W., daughter of Judge O. W. Fowler of Bristol, N. H. Three children blessed this union: Harry, who is manager of the Town Hall Clothing Store in Plymouth; Walter W., a successful undertaker and embalmer of Plymouth, and present member of the State Legislature, being chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills; and Susie E. (deceased).

Mr. Mason is a member of the Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M.; Pemigewasset Chapter, No. 13; Omega Council, No. 9; and a char-



ter member of the Pilgrim Commandery of Laconia. He is a member of the Plymouth Lodge, No. 66, I. O. O. F.; Wambeck Commandery, No. 8; Knights of Honor, No. 753; and Chapter No. 12, Order of the Eastern Star. He is a trustee of the Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank. He has been town treasurer, and is now chairman of the board of selectmen. In politics he is a strong Republican, and as such ably represented his district in the Legislature of 1881, and held the office of postmaster under President Harrison from 1891 to 1895.

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RODNEY E. SMYTHE, cashier of the Pemigewasset National Bank, and treasurer of the Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank, is the son of Alexander G. Smythe, the grandson of Joshua Smythe, and great-grandson of Andrew Smythe.

Andrew Smythe was a native of Ireland, and came to this country when a young man, being one of the original settlers of the town of Holderness, Grafton Co., N. H. Throughout his life in America he lived and reared his children in the town and land of his adoption, and there finished his career on earth. His son, Joshua, lived and died on the old homestead, meeting the expense incident to the bringing up of a large family of twelve children by farming.

Alexander G., the youngest son of Joshua Smythe, passed his early life on the farm, but later he engaged in mercantile business in Holderness; the last thirty years of his life, however, being spent in the village of Plymouth. He was a Democrat, and took considerable interest in politics. His admirers honored him with the several offices of county treasurer, town treasurer, and selectman; and, to his credit be it said, the duties of these offices were conscientiously and efficiently performed by him. He married Caroline, daughter of Peter Flanders of Plymouth, N. H. Mr. Smythe and his wife both died at the age of sixty-seven. They left two children: Rodney E., and Cora H. (Perkins).

Rodney E. Smythe was born in Holderness, N. H., Sept. 19, 1849. His father moved to Plymouth when our subject was a boy, and Mr. Smythe has spent most of his subsequent life there. He was educated in the Plymouth schools.

His first business career was that of a merchant, being for a time associated with his father; later he became a member of the firm of Mason, Weeks & Co. In mercantile life he demonstrated that he possessed the characteristics that go towards financial success.

In 1886 he was elected cashier of the Pemigewasset National Bank of Plymouth, and has continued in that position. He has also been the efficient treasurer of the Guaranty Savings Bank since the date of its organization.

He led to the altar, in 1876, Amelia P. Handy of Hinsdale, N. H., and she has proved herself a most helpful companion on life's journey. They have two children: Blanche and Arthur L.

Mr. Smythe is a member of the Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M.; Pemigewasset Chapter, No. 12; Omega Council, No. 9. He is treasurer of these three organizations. His name appears on the membership roll of the Pilgrim Commandery of Laconia. He is also a member of Plymouth Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 66. He acts as treasurer of the Cottage Hospital Fund, Grafton Co. Agricultural Association, and the Plymouth Fair Association.

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SAMUEL CUMINGS WEBSTER, deceased, was the son of Samuel C. Webster, and the grandson of Capt. David Webster. Capt. David's father was Col. David Webster, who was the son of Elder Stephen Webster.

Capt. David Webster was born at Hollis, N. H., in 1763. Agriculture constituted his means of livelihood. He married Lydia Cumings of his native town. She was born in 1769, and lived to the good old age of ninety-six, departing this life in 1865. Capt. David Webster died in 1844. He was a man of marked ability and fertility of resource, sound in his judgments, one to whom the whole community looked for the best of advice. The Captain was blessed with a family of thirteen children: David; Samuel C.; Eliza C.; Lydia; Harriet; Susan; Ralph; Arthur L.; Mary; Ann M.; Jane; Elizabeth; and one, who died in infancy.

Samuel C., the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1788. He was raised on his father's farm, and devoted his life to agricultural



pursuits. His partner in life's joys and sorrows was Catharine, daughter of Moor Russell.

Samuel C. was called to the unseen world July 21, 1834. Their family consisted of six boys and two girls: Samuel Cumings, David Henry, Ann Eliza, Jeremiah Mason, Rufus Bolivar, Edward Cushing, Charles Carroll, and Catharine R.

Samuel Cumings Webster, the eldest of the children and the subject of our sketch, was born in the town of Plymouth, N. H., Feb. 4, 1817, at the old homestead, which his father had christened Scatagee. His education was acquired in the common schools of Plymouth, and in Haverhill Academy.

From the academy he struck out in life for himself, becoming a very efficient and capable business man. Beginning at the foundation, by his own exertions he made of himself a finished example of a self-made man, the kind that molds the life of communities and the destiny of nations. He was a man of marked individuality of character, and of most wonderful magnetic power. In business circles this characteristic exhibited itself in a peculiar forcefulness that always led to success; in private life it was shown in his scholarly attainments. He was esteemed by all who knew him, especially for his kindness to those oppressed with sorrow and suffering. His noble exemplification of the priceless principles of honesty will long hold him dear in many hearts.

His business career began as a clerk in his uncle's store in Plymouth, in which capacity he continued until 1842, when he became more closely interested in the store as a partner. This position he held till his death, which occurred Jan. 23, 1883. His death was a sad loss to the social and commercial life of the town.

His home in Plymouth is known as Sand Knoll. As indicated by the name, it was formerly a large sand bank, but at present, adorned with a beautiful residence and tastefully arranged grounds, it presents a most pleasing prospect.

He was married, in 1844, to Angelina P., daughter of Col. Levi Rogers of Newbury, Vt., a captain in the War of 1812. Capt. Rogers' wife, Betsey Stone of Piermont, N. H., daughter of Uriah Stone, was a sister of George Washington Stone, who was the grandfather of Chester A. Arthur. Capt. Rogers was a farmer. He died in his sixty-third year; his wife surviv-

ing him to the age of seventy-three. They had seven children: Moses; Eliza; Hannah; Levi; Angelina P. (wife of the subject of this sketch); Betsey M.; and Bradley D.

Angelina P., the widow of Samuel Cumings Webster, still lives at the old home on Sand Knoll in Plymouth. She was not left alone by the death of her husband, for two children remain to comfort her in her declining years. Winifred A. lives at home with her mother. Margaret C. married James H. Stone of Detroit, Mich.; they have three children: Webster, Lucile H., and Blinn.

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JAMES K. PIERCE, a leading dry goods merchant of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of Lemmon Pierce, and grandson of Rufus Pierce, whose father came from England, and was one of the first settlers of Putney, Vt. Rufus Pierce spent his life on the homestead engaged in farming, dying at the age of sixty-five. He reared a family of twelve children. Lemmon, the fourth son, was born on the homestead. He worked at his trade of miller the early part of his life; but he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits in later years. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Fisher of Hinsdale, N. H. Eight children were born to them: Franklin; Daniel Rufus; Taylor; Charles; James K.; William; Alice, who died at the age of fourteen; and Mrs. Hattie Tiff. Lemmon Pierce was called above when he was aged sixty-two years; his wife passed away at the age of sixty-four. In politics he was a Whig, until the Republican party was organized, when he joined its ranks.

James K. Pierce was born in Putney, Vt., Nov. 22, 1845. He received his education in his native town. From the time he was fourteen till he was twenty years old he labored alternately on the farm and in the mill—farming in the summer, and working in the mill through the winter months. He then peddled crackers for a Brattleboro, Vt., firm for one year. At the end of that time he started in business for himself, at first running a grist-mill at Williamsville and later at Brattleboro, where he remained until 1888.

In that year he came to Plymouth and opened up a dry goods store. There being stores in the

village with an established trade, Mr. Pierce was advised by some not to enter in the business, but as he is a man of strong determination and earnestness of purpose, he started his undertaking, and the result to-day shows the wisdom of his plan, for he has one of the largest and best-equipped stores in the village, with his share of custom. He has also established a grist-mill and does considerable business in that line. Mr. Pierce holds a membership in these orders: Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M.; Plymouth Lodge, No. 66, I. O. O. F.

In 1866 he married Cora Carleton of Bernardston, Mass. She left him one son, Clarence C. He was joined in wedlock again, the second wife being Helen M., daughter of Hiram Eldridge of Brattleboro, Vt., whom he married in 1875. Mr. Pierce is a Republican, and has served two years as a member of the board of selectmen of the town of Plymouth.

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DR. HAVEN PALMER, a leading physician of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of Lewis J. Palmer, and grandson of John Palmer; John Palmer spent most of his years at Fryeburg, Me., engaged in farming. The Palmer family is of English origin, the first representative in this country being Walter Palmer, who settled in Stonington, Conn., in 1653. Nottinghamshire was the place of his residence in England.

John Palmer married Annie Estes, and enjoyed a long life of married happiness. He passed away at the age of seventy-one; his wife, who was a few years his junior, survived him long enough to die at exactly the same age as her husband to a day. Their family consisted of two sons and four daughters.

Lewis J. Palmer was born in Fryeburg, Me., and lived there until he was about thirty years old, when he removed to Jefferson, N. H. At that place he bought a 150-acre farm, and there the rest of his life was spent engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a Democrat, and always took the greatest interest in town affairs. At different times he served as selectman, tax collector, town treasurer, and in 1878 and 1880 represented the town in the State Legislature. He married Susan H., daughter of William and Mary (Hall) Summers of Norfolk, Virginia. At the

age of seventy-five Lewis J. Palmer departed this life; his wife died at the age of seventy-four. Four children were born to them: Flora E., who died at the age of twenty-three; Luella, who passed away aged also twenty-three; Dr. Haven; and Lewis H., now in McComb City, Miss.

Dr. Haven Palmer was born in Jefferson, N. H., Sept. 19, 1843. He received his early education in the schools of Jefferson, after which he attended Lancaster Academy. He then taught several terms of school, studying medicine at the same time. His instructors in the profession were Drs. J. W. Barney and J. D. Folsom, the latter of Lancaster, N. H. He then attended the Portland Medical Institute, and finished his professional education at Bowdoin Medical School, graduating from the latter school in the Class of '71. In 1875 Dr. Palmer located at Meredith, N. H., where he remained for nine years; at the end of that time he moved to Plymouth, N. H., where he built up a flourishing practice, and is now engaged in active work. Besides his practice in the immediate vicinity, he has many calls from the neighboring towns. He is a member of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M. He belongs to the New Hampshire Medical Society. He is also a member of the Winnipiseogee Academy of Medicine at Laconia, N. H.

In 1875 Dr. Palmer was united in the marriage bond to Lucy J., daughter of Charles Ellis of Lancaster, N. H. His family consists of three children: Bessie, Harold H., and Doris.

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DAVIS BAKER KENISTON, a leading clothier of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of George Washington Keniston, and the grandson of William and Sally (Morrison) Keniston. William Keniston was a farmer, and resided at Sanborn-ton, N. H., where his son, George Washington Keniston, was born, Dec. 22, 1810.

When a boy of eleven years George W. Keniston walked to Campton, a distance of thirty miles, to take up his residence with his brother Samuel. He learned the stone-cutter's trade, and for a number of years was the efficient foreman of Cady's Stone Works at Medford, Mass. On Sept. 14, 1837, he married Deborah Davis, the oldest daughter of Col. Davis and Hannah







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(Church) Baker of Campton, and settled down on a farm in Thornton. Five years after he moved to the Baker farm, a large farm in Campton, where he resided till the date of his death, which occurred Sept. 29, 1884. He was selectman of the town while living in Thornton, and deputy sheriff for Grafton Co. in 1849-50. In 1859-60 he represented Campton in the State Legislature. In 1865 he was elected treasurer of the committee for funding the town debt of Campton, an office he held till the bonds were paid in 1878. He was also from time to time honored with many other offices of trust and responsibility at the disposal of his fellow-townsmen. He always remained true to the trust reposed in him. His life was marked for its energy, perseverance, and strict honesty. He had four children: Emma Elizabeth (Mrs. Thornton); George Hancock; Ann; and Davis Baker.

Davis Baker Keniston, the subject of this sketch, was born in Campton, July 1, 1850. He received his early education in the Campton district schools. From the district school he went to New Hampshire Conference and Female College at Tilton, N. H., and pursued his studies there for a time, after which he attended Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, N. H.

He remained on the homestead in Campton engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1883. In the fall of that year he came to Plymouth and entered the clothing and furnishing business. He is highly respected in the financial circles of Plymouth, and leads in many public enterprises. He was a charter member of the Campton Grange, and held the office of secretary for that organization until his removal to Plymouth. He is treasurer and one of the directors of the Plymouth Veneer Co., of Plymouth. He is a member of the Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M.; Pemigewasset Chapter, No. 13; Pilgrim Commandery of Laconia. He held the office of Master of the Lodge for three years, and is at present High Priest of the Chapter. He is also a member of the Plymouth Lodge, No. 66, I. O. O. F. In politics he adheres strongly to the Democratic faith.

He was married, in 1876, to Ada E., daughter of Lucius M. and Elizabeth (Cutter) Howe of Plymouth, and has a family of three children: Elizabeth H.; Davis Baker, Jr.; and Sarah Thorndike.

ENOS HUCKINS, M. D., a leading physician of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of Enos Huckins, Sr., grandson of John Huckins, and great-grandson of Robert Huckins. Robert Huckins and his brother were the first representatives of the family in this country, emigrating from Scotland. Robert settled in the lower part of this State, and his brother went west.

John Huckins, the son of Robert, was a farmer and passed most of his life in the town of New Hampton, N. H. He married Judith Perkins. He was bereaved by her death in comparative early life, after giving birth to seven children: Dorcas (Hanaford), Rachel (Smith), Judith (Plaisted), Thomas, Enos, John B., and Nathaniel. Mr. Huckins married as his second wife Mary Burnham. They reared three children: Jane, Calvin, and Daniel. Mr. Huckins died in his ninety-third year. He was a deacon of the Free Will Baptist Church for fifty years.

Enos Huckins, Sr., the father of our subject, was born on the homestead in New Hampton and received his education in the schools of that place. He took up the trade of a shoemaker, and at the age of twenty-five he moved to the town of Warren, where he worked at his trade the remainder of his life. He married Betsy, daughter of Satchel Ingalls of London, N. H., whose wife's name was Hannah Heath. Mr. Huckins died at the age of forty-three; his wife survived him a few years, departing this life at the age of fifty-eight. Three children blessed this union: Charles, residing at present in Warren; Dr. Enos, the subject of this sketch; and Cora J., deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Huckins were warm supporters of the Free Will Baptist Church. Mr. Huckins's political principles were Republican.

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remaining there four years. The four years following were spent in Ashland, and, in 1884, he came to Plymouth, where he has built up a large practice. Dr. Huckins is a well-read man in the line of his profession, and enjoys the confidence of his patrons, who know that he will do for them all that human skill can accomplish.

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Dr. Huckins belongs to the Vermont State, New Hampshire, and New England Medical Societies. He is a member of Mt. Prospect Lodge, No. 69, A. F. & A. M.; Pemigewasset Chapter, No. 13; Omega Council, No. 9. He is also a member of Grafton Lodge, No. 62, I. O. O. F.; and Baker River Lodge, No. 47, K. P.; and is now serving as district deputy of the latter organization. He is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men of Meredith. The publishers of this Book of Biographies take pleasure in presenting Dr. Huckins's portrait on another page of this volume.

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WILLIAM M. PEPPARD, manager and proprietor of Tufts & Co.'s drug store of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of John W. Peppard, who was born in Nova Scotia in 1827, and came to Cambridge, Mass., in 1843. There he worked for a time for a firm that was engaged in manufacturing ladders, with whom he remained until he fully learned the business, when he was sent to Rumney, N. H., to select and buy material for the company. After spending a short time under their employ at that place he began business on his own account as a wholesale dealer in ladder material, furnishing goods for his aforetime employers and other houses engaged in similar work, as far south as Florida and west to the Missouri River. He followed this business until 1892, when he retired from active life and moved to Plymouth, N. H., where he now resides.

He married Mary G. Merrill of Kennebunkport, Me. She was removed from his side by the relentless hand of Death in the early years of their married life, leaving him two children: John Eugene, who died at the age of twenty-

four; and William M. John W. Peppard is a staunch Republican, and has on several occasions represented the town of Rumney in the House of Representatives. He has been a trustee of the State Reform School for the past eighteen years.

William M. Peppard, the subject of this sketch, was born in Rumney, N. H., Dec. 21, 1861. He received his education in the district schools of Rumney, and in New Hampton Institute.

After leaving school he clerked two years in Plymouth, spent two years traveling, and one year at home. In 1884 he came to Plymouth and commenced clerking in John S. Tufts' drug store. Mr. Tufts died in 1888, and in 1892 Mr. Peppard bought the interest of the daughter, and continued in the same business with no other change. He has a large, finely equipped and well-stocked store, centrally located on Main Street.

Mr. Peppard was joined in the matrimonial bond Dec. 24, 1889, to Alice M., daughter of John S. and Agnes (Wight) Tufts of Plymouth. They have three children: John T., Eugene, and Alice Lydia.

Mr. Peppard is a member of the following orders: Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M.; Pemigewasset Chapter, No. 13; Omega Council, No. 9; Pilgrim Commandery of Laconia; Plymouth Lodge, No. 66, I. O. O. F.; and Knights of Pythias.

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WILBUR C. STEARNS, claim agent for the B. & M. R. R., is the son of John Stearns, Jr., and grandson of John Stearns, who came from Massachusetts, and was an early settler of St. Johnsbury, Vt. He married Miss Goss, and they reared a family of six children: John, Jr.; Clark; Daniel; Susan (Green); Becky (Brown); and Direxy (Ayer).

John Stearns, Jr., was born on the homestead in St. Johnsbury, Vt. He was brought up to the trade of a harness-maker, and passed the greater part of his life in Danville, Vt., working at his trade. He married Lydia, daughter of Caleb and Patience Wheaton of St. Johnsbury. John Stearns died at the age of sixty-three; his wife



survived him many years, passing away at the age of ninety-one. Their children were: Permelia (Emery), deceased; Rector, deceased; Wilbur C., the subject of this sketch; Maria, deceased; Mason, deceased; Fannie (Pierce), deceased; and Mary M. (Raney) (Harden) (Dole). Mr. Stearns was a staunch Democrat. The Congregational Church numbered him among its worshippers.

Wilbur C. Stearns was born in Danville, Vt., Oct. 3, 1821. He was educated in the public schools of his native town. At the age of thirteen he began to support himself and to assist his mother in maintaining the family. Young as he was then, he commenced to drive a stage between Danville and Barton, Vt., a drive of twenty-five miles; he kept this up during the summer, and attended school the following winter. He also learned the trade of a harness-maker, and could make a good harness even at that age.

In the spring, when he was fourteen, he took up staging again, and drove for a number of years between Danville and Craftsbury, Vt., a twenty-five-mile trip; in the summer time he would often make the round trip in one day. At length he sold this route, and took the route between Montpelier and Bakersfield, Vt., a forty-six-mile drive. He had this route six years; he then staged between Montpelier and Barton, Vt., a drive of fifty-five miles. This drive was in opposition to another stage line on the same route, and Mr. Stearns was hired for the sole purpose of forcing the other man out, which he successfully accomplished in one year's time. He then went to manage the staging between Littleton and the Profile House in the White Mountains; he held this place for sixteen years, at the end of which time a railroad had been completed, rendering staging at that point unprofitable and unnecessary. Mr. Stearns, as a stage-driver, has a record to be proud of; for all through his staging career he never killed or spoiled a horse, and never tipped over or injured a passenger.

For a few years before he had entirely relinquished the whip and reins, he was employed in the winter months by the B. C. & M. R. R. as tracer of cars and lost freight. When he discontinued staging, he still remained with the railroad in that capacity, even when it underwent a change of management. He is now employed on

the B. & M. R. R. as claim agent, being a special agent.

Mr. Stearns has lived in Plymouth the past thirty-two years. He was married in 1845, to Lucy H., daughter of Thomas and Abigail Reed of Worcester, Vt. She died, leaving him one child: Ella E., wife of W. R. Bracket, formerly employed on the B. & M. R. R., now retired in Littleton, N. H. They have one child, Lucy S. Mr. Stearns was again joined in marriage in 1881, the bride being Mrs. Lois B. (Elliott) Eastman, daughter of James and Susan (Cole) Elliott. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are: A. Edward; Kate G., widow of E. O. Smith, deceased, and has one child, Lois O.; Anna, wife of C. Matthewson of Meredith, N. H.

Mr. Stearns is a Democrat, and cast his first Presidential vote for James K. Polk. He is a member of the Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M.; Pemigewasset Chapter, No. 13; St. Gerard Commandery; and Edward A. Raymond Consistory of Nashua.

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William D. Sargent, the subject of this sketch, was born May 18, 1838, in Loudon, N. H. His school years were spent in the public schools of his native town. At the age of seventeen he began to fight life's battle in earnest, accepting a situation on the railroad. He had no false pride, and was not ashamed to begin on the bottom round, knowing well that efficient service meant sure promotion. For thirty years he was connected with the road as a trainman, being an en-

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Isaac Corliss, the eldest son of George Corliss, was born in Alexandria, where he lived the most of his life. His latter years were spent in Piermont, N. H., where he died, aged seventy-eight. He married Dolly, daughter of Daniel Heath; she passed away at the age of sixty-two. Their family consisted of: George; Daniel; Stephen; Cyrus; Roxanna (Pillsbury); Kimball; Almira (Bohanan) (Bean); David; Charles; and Isaac.

General Cyrus Corliss, the fourth son of Isaac Corliss and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born, in 1811, in Alexandria, N. H. He learned the trade of blacksmith, and followed it during his younger years. He was employed on the railroad for a time. The past twenty years has been passed on the farm. He received his title of General from his connection with the New Hampshire State militia.

He was married to Almira, daughter of Samuel and Anna (Sayles) Reed, in 1832. Three years later he came to Plymouth, and now resides on Road Seven, about one and one-quarter miles west of the village. His wife was separated from him by the hand of Death when she was aged seventy-nine years. They brought up to maturity three sons and three daughters: Cyrus

served in Co. B., 15th N. H. Vol. Inf., and lost his life on a railroad in Iowa, in 1875; Almira married Charles Q. McQuesten of California; Frank R. served in Co. A., 6th N. H. Vol. Inf., and now resides in Clinton, Iowa; Clara A. married J. H. Morrison, and died in 1877; George H., the subject of this sketch; Emily married Martin Merrill in 1869.

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Mr. Corliss's political principles are Democratic. He made a very successful and efficient chief of police of the town of Plymouth for several years. He is a member of the Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M.

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Our subject's father was born in the town of Holderness, now Ashland, Sept. 14, 1829; as a young man he learned the trade of a brick mason, and was thus employed in New Hampshire and upon the public works of Boston for several years, after which he was engaged for a number of years in the manufacture of paper at Ashland, N. H., and St. Johnsbury, Vt. In the business world, his name was ever a synonym for promptness, honor, and integrity. He was a strong Republican, and in 1871 and 1872 represented Ash-







ANDREW R. SMITH.

land in the State Legislature. In 1873 he was appointed a railway postal clerk, and performed service constantly on the route between Plymouth and Concord for seventeen years. In that service, as in all his other relations in life, he was faithful and made friends of all with whom he was brought in contact. He was a man of very strong characteristics: strong, true, consistent, and sincere in his love, affection, and devotion to his family and friends; his friendship, once gained, could not, except for the most potent reason, be broken or shaken. In all matters pertaining to the upbuilding and upholding of good morals in society he was always alert and ready to do his full share. Firm as a rock in his beliefs, yet he was as tender as a woman to all in any trouble from whatever cause.

The last four years of his life were spent in failing health, the result of a severe injury, received in a railway accident at Ashland, N. H. He died Sept. 21, 1894. He was married March 18, 1857, to Mary T. Cheney of Ashland, who was a sister of Col. Thomas P. Cheney. Mrs. Wright and her son, Charles C., live in Plymouth, N. H.

Charles C. Wright was born in Ashland, N. H., June 30, 1872. He was educated at the Normal Training schools of Plymouth, and the New Hampshire Conference Seminary at Tilton. In January, 1889, Mr. Wright and Mr. Edward A. Chase bought the printing business of W. J. Randolph and were associated as partners for two years, until August, 1891, when our subject acquired the entire interest in the establishment and conducted the business alone for almost three years. In June, 1894, they again became partners, and secured the ownership of the Plymouth Record of Plymouth, N. H., and the Northern Herald of Lisbon, N. H. These papers are still owned and edited by Messrs. Chase and Wright, with their office and press and all the requisites for publication at Plymouth.

On Sept. 13, 1893, Mr. Wright was married to Mira Holden Adams, daughter of Edgar Adams of Plymouth. One child, Edgar Cheney, has been born to them. In 1893 Mr. Wright was appointed a member of the reportorial staff of the Boston Herald, and still continues to represent that paper in his district. He is secretary of the Plymouth Fair Association, and a member of the press organization of New Hampshire.

ANDREW R. SMITH, a stone contractor of Plymouth, is the son of Benjamin Smith, Jr., and grandson of Benjamin Smith, Sr.

Benjamin Smith, Sr., was born in New Hampton, N. H. He learned the trade of a carpenter and engaged in that branch throughout his life. He married Samantha Hibbard, who lived to the age of ninety. Mr. Smith died at the age of eighty. They reared a family of three children: Benjamin, Jr., Obediah G., and Betsy (Webber).

Benjamin Smith, Jr., was born in the same town in which his father had been reared and passed his life. He received his education in the schools of the vicinity. He earned his livelihood in his younger years by his trade of a ship-carpenter. He did not continue to work at this all his life, but engaged in house-carpentry in later years. He married Sarah, daughter of Moses Smith of Bridgewater, N. H. She departed this life in 1893, at the age of eighty-three. Mr. Smith lived in Groton the twenty years previous to his death. He met his death by drowning in Newfound Lake while in bathing. He was fifty-six years old. They were members of the local M. E. Church. He was an old line Whig and in later years a Democrat. He took a keen interest in town affairs and served in various offices with great credit to himself. Eight children were born to them: Benjamin H.; Cyrus M.; Obediah G.; Andrew R.; John S.; Sarah E., wife of Thomas Wilson of Holderness, N. H.; Marcia A., wife of Sylvester Swett of Plymouth; and Mariam, wife of Louis P. Grant also of Plymouth.

Andrew R. Smith was born April 2, 1848, in Groton, N. H. He received his preliminary education in the Groton district schools, taking advanced work at Meriden Academy. He left the parental roof at the age of fifteen, and by working his way was enabled to spend some part of the year in school. When twenty years old he learned the trade of a stone-cutter, and soon after, having served his apprenticeship, he became engaged in contracting. Considerable of this work has been done for the railroad in this vicinity. He is still actively engaged at his business, and has a large and varied trade.

In 1870 Mr. Smith was married to Louisa A., daughter of Job Wilson of Rumney. Their children are: Rose C., Rosco M., and Thomas C. Mr. Smith has made Plymouth his home for the



past thirty years, and has a comfortable residence on Highland Street. He is a member of Baker River Lodge, No. 47, K. of P.

The portrait of Mr. Smith, appearing on another page of this work in connection with this short sketch of his life, will stand for years to come as portraying and representing a man respected and esteemed by the community in which he lived and labored.

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JOHN C. BERRY, a life insurance agent of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of Otis Berry, and grandson of Robert Berry.

Robert Berry came from Strafford, N. H., and settled in Campton. He passed his life on the farm, engaged in tilling the soil and raising stock. He married Esther Otis; they enjoyed a calm, peaceful life, and surrounded themselves with a family of five children: Robert, Jr., Rossilla, Hannah, Otis, and Daniel.

Otis Berry was born in Strafford, N. H., but moved to Campton with his parents at an early age. The old homestead in Campton continued to be his home throughout the rest of his life. He learned the cooper's trade, and followed that in connection with his farm work. He married Esther, daughter of Simon Lovett of Campton. She died at the age of seventy-nine. Mr. Berry lived to see seventy-seven summers when he joined those gone before. They were the parents of a family of eight children: Benjamin F.; Hiram O.; William H.; John C., the subject of this sketch; George W.; Charles E., who died in the Civil War of 1861-65; Arvilla, deceased; and Mary Esther, also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Berry favored the Free Will Baptist Church. In politics Mr. Berry was a Republican.

John C. Berry was born in Campton, N. H., May 14, 1845. He was educated in the common branches in the Campton district schools, taking an advanced course of study in the Plymouth High School. He remained on the farm with his father until he became of age; in 1869 he took up the trade of stone-cutter, and followed it for fifteen years. Since 1884 he has been working at life insurance, except two years, in which he was engaged in selling meat and provisions.

In 1868 Mr. Berry was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony to D. Jennie Garland,

daughter of William P. Garland. Their family consists of the following children: Albert, who died at the age of sixteen; Hubert F.; Arthur G.; Ethel L.; Leon; and Elsie. They are attendants of the M. E. Church.

The great-grandfather of Mrs. Berry was Jonathan Garland, who was killed by the falling of a tree, March 30, 1812. His children were as follows: Nathan, who died May 10, 1830; Hannah died July 10, 1832; Benjamin, born in 1784, died Feb. 9, 1848; Jonathan, Jr., born in 1796, died April 1, 1868; and Marian, who was born in 1794, and died in October, 1880. Jonathan Garland, Jr., was born in Pittsfield, and married Deborah Goss, who was born in 1801, and died in December, 1869, at West Campton. Following is the record of their children: William, born at Pittsfield, in 1822, died in July, 1826; Mary E., born at Holderness, May 6, 1824, died in May, 1876; she was married in 1854 to Mr. Godfrey, and in 1858 to Samuel Roulett, who was born in 1809 or 1810, and died in 1877; Henry R., born in Holderness, May 20, 1826, died in September, 1851, and left no children to survive him; Huldah B., born in Holderness, April 11, 1827, is still living, and is the widow of Daniel Chase, to whom she was married in September, 1849; he was born in 1825, and died in 1878; four children were the issue; William P., the father of Mrs. Berry, was born in Holderness, May 1, 1829, died March 1, 1887, was married to Louise Avery in the month of August, 1848; she was born in 1821, bore her husband four children, and is still living; George W., born in Holderness, July 19, 1832, is living; he married, April 19, 1864, Eliza A. Batchelder, who was born in December, 1839, is living, and has a family of children; Jane N., born in Holderness, March 11, 1834, is living with her husband, Henry C. Randlett, who was born in 1832; Climenia F., born in Campton, May, 1836, died March, 1858, was married in 1865 to Samuel Hurd, who was born in 1833, and is still living with one child, the fruit of their union; Marilla, born in Campton, May, 1838, is still living, the widow of Russell F. Shaw, born in 1836, died in 1882, whom she married in November, 1863; Emily, born in Campton, June 14, 1840, died in 1894, leaving three children, the issue of her marriage, in 1859, to Russell Glover, who was born in 1830, and died December, 1890; Silas, born in Campton,

August, 1842, died December, 1842; Elmira, the youngest of the family of twelve, was born in Campton, March, 1844, is living with her husband, John Peterson, born in 1840, with whom she was united in marriage December, 1869.

Mr. Berry is a staunch adherent of the cause of Prohibition. He has labored long and earnestly to bring about the coveted end. It needs no argument to show the evils of intemperance, and the great good that would follow its overthrow. The silver question and the tariff issue could easily solve themselves if the American people did not squander such enormous sums of money on spirituous liquors. Poverty and crime would die out, and all classes, the rich and the poor, the high and the low, would live together in perfect amity. Mr. Berry is one of the foremost workers in the State in this grand work, and was sent to the national convention, held in Pittsburgh, in 1896. He had the honor of heading the State Prohibition ticket of 1896 as nominee for the office of Governor.

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AUSTIN W. WOODMAN, D. D. S., of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of Charles Woodman, and grandson of Isaac Woodman. Isaac Woodman passed the greater portion of his life on a farm in Woodstock, N. H., dying there at the age of sixty. He married a Miss Locke; she was taken to the world beyond when in her ninety-ninth year. They raised a family of five boys and one girl.

Charles, a son of Isaac Woodman, was born in Woodstock, and was educated in its district schools. Arriving at the necessary age, he taught several winter terms of school. He then went to Boston and worked there for a while, finally returning to West Thornton, where he was engaged in the grocery business for nineteen years. Owing to the confinement and worry in this business, his health began to fail, and he accordingly sold his store and bought a farm in Bridgewater, where he still lives at the age of seventy-four. He was united in marriage to Jemima, daughter of Jacob Avery of Campton, N. H. Mrs. Woodman has passed her sixty-eighth birthday. Their family circle is made up of: Jacob A., Addie C., Charles S., Lyman B., Cory-

don E., and Austin W. Mr. Woodman is an ardent Republican, and has served in various town offices.

Austin W. Woodman, D. D. S., the subject of this sketch, was born in West Thornton, N. H., April 5, 1865. He obtained his education in the Bridgewater schools, taking advanced work in New Hampton Academy. His first enterprise was acting as guide for parties about the Rangley Lakes, in Maine, during the summer season. In the winters he studied, preparing himself for his profession; three winters were spent in this way with his brother, who was a practicing dentist of Ashland, N. H. Dr. Woodman attended the Boston Dental College, and graduated in the Class of '91. After graduation he returned to Ashland, and practiced with his brother for two years. In 1893 he opened up an office in the Fox Block in Plymouth, and, aided by the splendid location, he has succeeded in building up a large practice.

Dr. Woodman is a member of the Alumni Association of the Boston Dental College. He belongs to the following lodges: Grafton Lodge, No. 62, I. O. O. F., of which he is Past Grand; Knights of Pythias, Baker River Lodge, No. 47; and Wambeck Encampment, of which he is district deputy grand master.

Mr. Woodman led to the altar in 1894 Martha S., daughter of Lorenzo and Elizabeth French of Rumney, N. H. They have been blessed with one child, Charles Lorenzo.

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MRS. SARAH G. BUCHANAN, widow of the late Collins M. Buchanan, is the daughter of Levi F. and Ann M. (Gotham) Ranlet.

Levi F. Ranlet was born in Meredith, N. H., where he spent his boyhood days. He learned the trade of a blacksmith, first working at Lancaster, N. H., and followed the same until his health failed. He died, aged seventy-five years, in Plymouth, N. H. He married Ann M., daughter of Robert and Dollie Gotham. His wife passed away at the age of seventy-one. The family consisted of six children: Noah Webster; Sarah G. (Willis) (Buchanan); the twins, Edgar G. and Henry C.; Charles F.; and George M.

Sarah G. Ranlet, the second child, married as her first husband Cyrus Willis, son of Samuel



Willis. Samuel Willis was a farmer by occupation and passed the most of his life in Canaan, N. H.; the last twelve years, however, were spent in Parisville, N. Y., where he died about the age of eighty. Samuel Willis married Hannah Hoyt of Canaan, N. H. She departed this life about the age of seventy-five. They reared six children: Samuel, George, Betsy, John, Ottis, and Cyrus.

Cyrus Willis was born in Hanover, N. H., in 1815. He was educated in Canaan. At the age of fifteen he started out in life and assisted in driving cattle to Boston. He then took up stage-driving, his first route being between Plymouth and Bristol, N. H. After a few years staging in New Hampshire, he went south to Virginia, where he engaged in the same occupation. He finally returned to his native State and located in Littleton, driving the stage from there to Wells River, and also to the Profile House. He was a resident of Littleton when he died, Jan. 23, 1860. Mr. Willis was a Whig and took a keen interest in politics. He was deputy sheriff of Grafton Co. at one time. He married, in 1851, Sarah G., daughter of Levi F. Ranlet. Mrs. Willis's birthplace was Lancaster, N. H. They had one child: Freeman C. Willis, who was born Sept. 20, 1853. He married Lizzie R., daughter of Frank Chase of Campton. Their children are: Lyman C.; Frank B.; Harriet E.; Allen S.; and Samuel S. (deceased).

Mrs. Sarah G. Willis remained single a few years until 1862, when she was married to her second husband, Collins M. Buchanan, son of Alexander Buchanan.

Alexander Buchanan was a native of Scotland, emigrating to Canada when a young man. He settled in Castlebar, and lived there the remainder of his life. He reared a fine family of seven boys.

His son, Collins M., was born in Castlebar, Canada, in 1838. He was educated in his native town. Becoming of age, he came to New Hampshire, and settled in Littleton. It was there he met his future wife, and the friendship that soon sprung up between them soon ripened into an intimacy that resulted in marriage. In 1869 Mr. and Mrs. Collins M. Buchanan came to Plymouth. Mr. Buchanan had a peculiar fitness for managing hotels. He was well liked by the traveling public, and would go to a great deal of

trouble to accommodate them in any way. His first venture was in Plymouth, and from there he went to Campton and kept a hotel, and at a later period he kept a hotel in Laconia; at the same time he and his step-son, Freeman C. Willis, operated a hotel in North Woodstock, and at the time of his death he was running a hotel in Manchester. Mr. Buchanan was a strong Democrat, and served as under-sheriff of Grafton Co. for several years. He was a member of the I. O. O. F.

His widow, Mrs. Sarah G. Buchanan, resides in Plymouth, on Russell Street.

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FRANK C. CALLEY, a glove manufacturer of Plymouth, is the son of Chase W. Calley and grandson of David Calley, who came from Stratham to New Hampton. He did not make a long stay at that town, but moved on to Holderness, and spent the most of his days there, dying at the age of seventy. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his life. He married Martha Marsten of New Hampton; she finished her earthly pilgrimage at the age of seventy-eight. Their children were: Elmira (Cox); Nathaniel; Marsten; David; John M.; Elizabeth; Chase W.; Joseph; and Martha.

Chase W. Calley was born in the town of Holderness, Aug. 13, 1823. He received his education in the schools of Holderness and Plymouth. He was engaged in farming with his father, until he was twenty-one, when he went into the glove business in partnership with J. C. Draper. At the end of two years they dissolved partnership, Mr. Calley assuming control of the entire concern. During war time Mr. Calley did as much as \$40,000 worth of business in one year. He has continued in the same business from the start with the exception of three years spent in doing contract work for the railroad. He built a tannery on Mill Street, in 1847, and is still using the same building for tanning purposes. He is a strong Republican. He belongs to Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M.; and Pemigewasset Chapter, No. 13.

He was married, in 1856, to Mary, daughter of Louis Keyes of Rumney. She passed away Sept. 30, 1890, aged fifty-six, leaving three chil-







CLINTON B. SIMPSON.

dren, all boys: Frank C., the subject of this sketch; Epes J., special agent of the London Assurance Corporation, with headquarters in Chicago, Ill.; and Clarence W., now residing in Boston.

Frank C. Calley was born in Plymouth, Sept. 7, 1859. He received his education in his native town. Frank was employed with his father in the glove business until he was twenty-one. He then went to work in the Rollins Factory, and worked there twelve years, and in 1888 he began the manufacturing of gloves himself. His factory is in the Wiggin's Block on Main Street. He has made a reputation for keen business sagacity and fertility of resource.

In 1889 he was married to Alice M., daughter of Charles Bartlett of Bethlehem. He is a member of the Plymouth Lodge, No. 66, I. O. O. F. He is a strong Republican, and is now filling out his second term as the town treasurer.

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CLINTON B. SIMPSON, proprietor of one of the largest and most extensive general stores between Plymouth and Woodsville, is located in West Rumney. He was born July 10, 1840, and is a son of Hugh B. and Sarah A. (Edmunds) Simpson, and a grandson of Samuel and Sarah (Simpson) Simpson.

Samuel Simpson was born in Greenland, N. H., July 13, 1779, and married Sarah Simpson, who was born April 25, 1782, and died Feb. 7, 1880, in her ninety-ninth year. About the year 1812 they came to West Rumney among the very first settlers; our subject's grandfather cleared about 100 acres, where B. H. Merrill now lives, and built a log-cabin, later replacing it with a frame dwelling. He owned a farm in later years in Groton, also. He was the first in this part of the State to raise mules and sell them in Portsmouth in the winter; it proved a very profitable business for him, and he was soon imitated. His children were: Hugh B., Benjamin, Samuel, David, Albert M., John, Ulysses, and James M.

Hugh B. Simpson was born in Rumney, July 21, 1805, and left the parental roof when a young man, and went to Massachusetts, engaged in clerking in stores. He married there, in 1836, Sarah A., daughter of John and Mary (Murrey)

Edmunds. She was born Dec. 1, 1811, and departed this life Aug. 3, 1882. Her children were: Clinton B., Charles E., and Mary C. After his marriage Hugh B. Simpson came home and cared for his parents. His father having died, he bought the hotel at West Rumney, and carried on hotel business in connection with his farming for the remainder of his life. He put in a small stock of goods, and carried on trade in a small way, until 1861, when he sold out to our subject. He was a Democrat, and served as selectman and as representative from the town of Rumney; also served as postmaster under President Buchanan.

Clinton B. Simpson received a public school education in his native town, and assisted his father in the store until 1861, when he bought the stock of goods and conducted the store alone. He was burned out in 1891, on November 22; but in twenty-four hours he had procured another stock and reopened his store in a small building situated near by. In the same year he began to build a new store, and it is a fine structure for the purpose; it is 30x40, with an addition 28x18, and two stories high. Our subject keeps the most selected, as well as an extremely large and diversified stock of everything customary to be met in a country store. In connection with this he bought the Robert Morse place, and has been at great pains to beautify and enlarge it; he also owns large wood lots in the town of Dorchester and Groton. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations. He has been selectman in the town for seven years, and filled the position of postmaster under Cleveland's first administration and was again appointed by Harrison December, 1893. He is also notary public and justice of the peace, overseer of the poor, and funeral director. He is a member of the Mooselauk Lodge, F. & A. M., of Wentworth, N. H.

In 1862 he was joined in the holy bond of matrimony with Elvira, daughter of Timothy P. Smith; she died in 1880, at the age of thirty-nine. She bore our subject the following children: Edward H. married Bertha E. Merrill and is a typewriter at Charlestown, Mass.; Charles A. married Flora E. Smith, and is station agent at Scott Junction; there is one child, Paul L.; Carrie M. is at home; also Arthur E. is at home. Mr. Simpson married as his second wife Augusta



L., daughter of Daniel D. and Mary E. Valentine of Yonkers, N. Y. Mr. Valentine is the president of the Mrs. G. B. Miller's Tobacco House of New York City. His wife was born in Rumney, and is a daughter of John and Sarah Smart. Mrs. Valentine died at the age of thirty-six, leaving these children: Charles L.; Augusta L., our subject's wife; Lizzie I.; Daniel L.; and Edwin V.

Mr. Simpson has had by his second wife the following children: Edith M., Clinton V., and Hattie E.

As one of the county's representative men, we place the portrait of Mr. Simpson in this volume.

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GEORGE E. CUMMINGS, superintendent of the White Mountain Division of the Boston & Maine R. R., is the son of George S. Cummings, who was born in New Hampton, N. H., in 1829, and there reared and given an education. At the age of twenty-one he began railroading, and kept at it for fifteen years. He came to Woodsville on the advent of the railroad to that place and was a resident of that village the rest of his days. He was the founder of the firm of C. B. Drake & Co., the large drug firm of Woodsville, and retained his interest until 1890. He was a successful business man, and most highly honored and respected by those with whom he came in contact. He married Marietta Vinton of Greenfield, Vt. She died at the age of thirty-four, leaving three sons: George E., Charles L., and Wesley B. His second wife was Mary Harrington of Littleton, N. H. She lives at present in Woodsville, and has one daughter, Mary (Noble). George S. Cummings departed this life in 1894.

George E. Cummings, the subject of this notice, was born in Rumney, N. H., Oct. 10, 1853. His parents moved to Woodsville, while our subject was an infant, and there he received his education. At the age of fourteen he began to face the stern realities of life. He cast in his lot with the railroad interests, commencing as an engine cleaner. He worked about the engine house until 1870, when he was put on a freight train as brakeman. His steady, conscientious work entitled him to the notice of his superiors,

and his rise to his present position of division superintendent has been gradual but sure. From brakeman he became a baggageman, and then he was transferred to the passenger service.

In 1884 he was made wood agent of the Boston, Concord & Montreal R. R. He remained in active service with the road when it was leased to the Boston & Lowell Co., being stationed at Concord for four years as transfer agent. He then came back to Woodsville as train master, promoted a little later to assistant superintendent, and since 1892 has been superintendent of the Northern Division of the Concord & Montreal R. R. Upon the transfer of that road to the Boston & Maine R. R., he still held his position. His division is now called the White Mountain Division of the B. & M. Mr. Cummings has well merited his present post of responsibility and trust, for he has been in all lines of service from the lowest up. His native energy and progressive nature are seen to their full advantage in his gradual climb to success. He is pleasant and agreeable in his manners, and considerate of those who are under his orders, and in turn is well liked by them.

He was joined in wedlock, in 1883, with Lizzie P., daughter of Edwin P. Fisher of Boston. They have one child, Helen M., as the fruit of this marriage. Politically Mr. Cummings is a firm Democrat, and is fearless in his opinions of the issues of the day. His father was one of the promoters of the Woodsville Electric Light plant, and was a director of the same until his death. Since that time our subject has succeeded to his father's position as director, and is now the efficient superintendent of the same.

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GEORGE A. GOODHUE, the merchant tailor of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of George F. Goodhue, and grandson of Adoniram Goodhue, who was a carpenter at Beverly, Mass., and died there at the age of eighty-two. He reared a family of five children, four boys and one girl.

George F. Goodhue was a shoemaker by trade, and worked at the same at Beverly until his death at the age of thirty-two. He married Adalina, daughter of Horace P. Brown of Bev-

erly, Mass. She was taken to her home beyond the skies when thirty-two years old, leaving one child, the subject of this sketch.

George Albert Goodhue was born June 13, 1860, in Beverly, Mass. On the death of his parents, his grandmother Brown gave him a home and a mother's care; he remained with her until her death in 1878. He received his education in Beverly, Mass., and also in Hanover, N. H. After his grandmother's death he went to Newburyport to learn the tailor's trade, finishing his apprenticeship in Plymouth, where he served his last year.

In 1890 he launched out in business for himself, setting up a tailoring establishment at Ashland, N. H., where he remained eighteen months. From Ashland he returned to Plymouth and located in the Wiggin's Block, where he still keeps his shop.

Mr. Goodhue was married in 1890 to Lucy A., daughter of John and Susan Clement of Lebanon, N. H. Their children are: Claude C.; and the twins, Hazel Adaline and John Leslie.

Mr. Goodhue is a firm believer in Republican doctrines. He is a supporter of the Baptist Church. He holds a membership in the Plymouth Lodge, No. 66, I. O. O. F.; and has been the treasurer for the same during the past two years.

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HON. JAMES ROBIE, agent of the American Express Co., at Plymouth, is the son of Samuel Robie, and grandson of James Robie.

James Robie, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Durham, N. H., and was an early settler of Meredith, N. H., where he carried on farming and reared his family. He was united in marriage to Ann Boynton. Mr. Robie died at the age of forty; his wife survived him many years, and was finally called home to her well-earned rest at the age of eighty-two. They were the parents of seven children: Samuel; Thomas; James, who died in youth; Nancy; Polly; Sally (Boynton); Phoebe (Roberts).

Samuel Robie was born in Meredith and was educated in the same town. He lived on the farm, engaged in agricultural pursuits until the death of his parents, when he sold the property and bought a farm in New Hampton, making

that place his home for the remainder of his life. He married Eunice, daughter of Joseph Roberts of Meredith. She died at the age of seventy-six; Mr. Robie passed away at the age of fifty-three. They brought up to maturity a family of six children: Susan E. (Pike); Mary (Strong); Nancy (Wilkinson); James; Thomas; and William R. Mr. and Mrs. Robie in church matters favored the Free Will Baptist. Samuel Robie was an upholder of Democratic doctrines. He was a great reader and always well posted, but not an active political worker.

James Robie, the subject of this sketch, was born in New Hampton, Oct. 25, 1828. There he spent his boyhood days and obtained his schooling. At the age of sixteen he struck out for himself, working at first in a tool factory of Franklin, but he did not like the work, so he secured a job in a cotton factory as second hand in the weavers' room. His wages were forty-one cents per day, and he had to pay \$1.25 per week for board. He worked at this trade during 1847 and 1848.

When the railroad was finished to New Hampton, he was the first agent at that point; and as the road was extended he became the agent at Ashland and then at Plymouth. He remained in the employ of the company twenty years in various capacities; seven years of this time he was passenger agent at Concord.

In 1868 he entered the service of the American Express Co., and was a messenger for ten years. In 1878 he was appointed express agent at Plymouth, a situation he still retains.

Mr. Robie was married, March 10, 1850, to Ella A., daughter of James Hines of Laconia. She died at the age of twenty-seven, leaving one daughter: Laura (Fay). Mr. Robie married, in 1857, as his second wife Caroline, daughter of Asa F. Merrill of Holderness. She departed this life at the age of twenty-three, and left one son: James M. June 10, 1863, Mr. Robie was again joined in the bonds of marriage, the bride being Frances A., daughter of Samuel Jameson of Melbourne, Canada, East. Their children are: Ada F. (Russell); Albert S.; and Howard T. The family are attendants of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Robie is a Democrat. In 1889 he was urged to accept the nomination as representative to the Legislature, and was elected. During his term in the Legislature he succeeded in secur-



ing appropriations for the new Court House, and also for the State Normal School buildings, which are located in Plymouth. Mr. Robie worked quietly but effectively, and the result was a great victory for Plymouth. He is now rewarded for his labors by the sight of the new, well-equipped school buildings and the substantial Court House that adorn the beautiful village of Plymouth. He has served as one of the trustees of the Holderness school for several years, and is the present incumbent.

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HON. GILBERT M. SULLOWAY, deceased. Among the prominent citizens of the town of Grafton, who have passed away in recent years, and whose memory and works are still very present, there has been no one that has left so great a void in the life of the town than the honorable gentleman whose name heads this notice. He died Nov. 28, 1896, just a few short weeks after he had been elected a representative to the State Legislature. His death was much lamented by a very wide circle of friends, for he was very popular and well liked among all his associates, and valued friendship at its true worth as one of the blessings of life. He is a descendant of one of the oldest and foremost families in the town. He was born in the house which remained his home throughout his whole life. The grandfather settled on Razor Hill in 1812. He married Rhoda Hoyt, whose father was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War.

Greely Sulloway settled on the farm at Wild Meadows, Oct. 6, 1830, purchasing a tract that included in its extent an open meadow, supposed to have been deprived of its timber by the beavers, or perhaps by the hand of the red men; because of this absence of timber it was esteemed a very choice piece of land in those days.

Greely Sulloway, Jr., married Betsy L. Smith, a daughter of James T. and Rachel (Hoyt) Smith; the former a son of Peter and Molly (Taylor) Smith. To our subject's parents were born four children: Hon. Cyrus A., the well-known attorney of Manchester, N. H., now representing his district in the United States Congress, having previously served as representative in the State Legislature; Sarah E., who is living

on the old homestead with our subject's widow; a child, James G., who died in infancy; and Gilbert M., the subject of this sketch.

Gilbert M. Sulloway was born Jan. 26, 1853, reared in the town of Grafton, and attended its district schools until the age of twenty. From the days of his youth he made farming his study and vocation, and was counted as one of the most successful and practical farmers in his part of the country. He has always taken a lively interest in politics, and was a leader in his town. He served as moderator, supervisor, and selectman, and was also a member of the school board, and was justice of the peace several years. His last elevation to office we have already referred to at the beginning of this sketch, and it was particularly unfortunate for the town of Grafton that he was not spared to advance its interests in the legislative halls of Concord.

Mr. Sulloway was married April 5, 1876, to Charlotte A. Shaw, daughter of Frederick C. and Sarah (Shaw) Shaw. Sarah Shaw was a daughter of David and Sarah (Morrell) Shaw, the former a son of John Shaw. Frederick Shaw was the son of Diamond and Rachael (Dresser) Shaw. The former a son of Benjamin Shaw, and the latter a daughter of John Dresser. To our subject and wife eleven children were born, namely: Frederick Greely; Cleora B.; Walter B.; Marion W.; Helen M.; Avery I.; Cyrus A. and Sarah E., twins; Harriett J.; Gilbert W.; and Winifred L. The family attend the Universalist Church. Mr. Sulloway was a leading member of the Eureka Grange, No. 69, of Grafton Center.

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FRED P. DEARTH, a popular and enterprising insurance agent of Woodsville, N. H., is the son of Enoch C. and Hannah C. (Willey) Dearth, and grandson of Asa and Elizabeth (Carr) Dearth. It is thought by those who have good reason for believing that Asa Dearth was born in Canaan, Vt., and he departed this life at Stoneham, Mass., at the age of seventy-eight. Five children were born to them: Edson, Enoch, Albert, Percis, and Ann.

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Fred P. Dearth was born in Bath, Aug. 4, 1860; in 1867 he came to Woodsville with his mother and there received his education. At the age of thirteen he started out in life to support himself. He took up railroading, and followed it for seven years. Then for thirteen years he was engaged in the bottling business. In the spring of 1896 he took up insurance, writing policies in the three main branches of that business—fire, life, and accident.

In 1886 he was joined in marriage to Maude E., daughter of Charles E. Rumsey of Wells River, Vt. They have one child as the fruit of their union: Dorothy I. Socially Mr. Dearth occupies a prominent place; he is a member of the Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F., and is the secretary of the same. He is also a member of the Encampment. He is a Republican, and has served as secretary and treasurer of the town committee, and is tax collector at the present time.

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able property. He lived to be nearly eighty years old. His wife was over eighty years at the time of her decease. The following children came to their home: John, Lois, Alice, Lucy, Huldah, Daniel, and Lucetta.

John Kidder, Jr., our subject's father, was born in Amherst, N. H., and when a young man learned the machinist's trade, and set up the first steam engine that was ever used in the city of Lowell, Mass. He worked there until 1844, when he came to Groton, N. H., and bought the A. Buell saw and grist-mills. He remodeled the mills, put in new machinery, and launched out into the manufacture of furniture, and did a large business until his business retirement, in 1860, when he sold the mill and took up the occupation of farming. He purchased the rural property, where his son Mark B. Kidder now dwells, of 150 acres, and made it his home till death, at the age of seventy-two; his wife was taken to the blissful abodes in the seventy-fifth year of her life. She was a daughter of William Metcalf of the town of Groton. Mr. Kidder's children were named as follows: Daniel, Eliza, Lanson F., David M., Elenora C., and Mark B. Our subject's father was a Democrat, and received distinction at the hand of his fellow-townsmen by being selected as a representative in the Legislature for one year. He also served as town clerk several years, and superintendent of the school committee, in addition to other minor offices.

Daniel Kidder attended the public schools of the town of Groton, from the age of six years to the age of fifteen, when he went to Natick, Mass., and learned the machinist trade, and had charge of an engine of a box factory there for three years. He then went to Franklin, N. H., where he secured a situation in the Aiken Machine Shops of that place, and was connected thirteen years with the establishment, serving most of that time as superintendent. In 1868 he became master mechanic on the Mt. Washington Railroad, which reached its final completion in 1871; Mr. Kidder supervised the construction of the first locomotive ever built for that road, and ran it for the first year without an accident. This was an extraordinary record for a project of so experimental a nature, and assured the future success of the road. As all the readers of this biography know, undoubtedly, the peculiar na-





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ture and construction of the road and the rolling stock, we will omit all further reference, except to note the chief obstacle that makes the road what it is, that is the heavy grade, which ranges from two and a half inches per yard to thirteen inches per yard. To the early railroad projector such grades were deemed impracticable, and they were, with ordinary types of engines. Engines of a novel construction were needed, and as we have noted before, Mr. Kidder supervised the entire construction of the first one ever built. He afterwards became master mechanic of the Whitefield & Jefferson Railroad, a position he has held at two different times. He has also been master mechanic for Brown's Lumber Co., at Whitefield, N. H. He set up their engine, which is the largest one in the northern part of the State of New Hampshire. Our subject has been called upon three different times to give his valuable assistance at the Manchester Locomotive Works; at each engagement he spent some time in Manchester.

In 1888 he purchased the C. F. Wheel Mills, at North Groton, and also a residence in the same town. He introduced steam power into the mills, and has since carried on the manufacture of lumber; he has also conducted a small machine shop in the village. Our subject also became connected with and a member of the firm of Wilton & Kidder, manufacturers of trusses and surgical instruments; the firm removed their manufacturing interests to Franklin at a later period, our subject having an interest in it there for two years.

Our subject and his only son, Fred Kidder, are the owners of 600 acres of forest land, which they have mostly cleared, and manufactured the timber into first-class lumber. They also own some mica mines of fine quality, which are as yet undeveloped. Mr. Kidder also owns a farm near the village, where he carries on general farming, stock raising, and dairying.

In 1861 Mr. Kidder enlisted in Co. C., 1st Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., from Manchester. It is said he was the fifth to enlist from this State. He dropped his tools at almost the sound of the first call and went forth to preserve the integrity of this nation, that this nation might not perish from the earth. During most of his service he served as scout. While engaged in some of the necessary duties incident to camp life, he sus-

tained a severe injury that incapacitated him from further active service; he was discharged at the end of four months for physical disability.

Mr. Kidder was joined in the holy bond of matrimony in 1862, to Emeline F., daughter of Luther and Lucy (Tenney) Hardy of the town of Groton; she was born in 1842, and has presented our subject with two children: Fred, born April 16, 1864, married Ida Duncklee, and has one child by the union, Lena Gladys; his residence is in North Groton, and he is associated in business with his father; Ada, born July 22, 1868, is a teacher. Mr. Kidder is a Democrat in politics, and represented the town in the Legislature of 1890-91. He has served as selectman for two terms; has also filled the offices of minor importance, such as overseer of the poor for one term; town treasurer for thirteen years; and assistant town clerk for several years. He is at present justice of the peace, a position he has filled acceptably for a number of years. In his religious views he favors the Universalist Church and may be found as one of its regular worshippers. He is a member of the Olive Branch Lodge, F. & A. M., of Plymouth; Concord, R. A. M.; and Concord Commandery, K. T. He is also a member of the G. A. R. Post of Rumney.

The publishers of this volume take great pleasure in presenting Mr. Kidder's portrait on a preceding page, in connection with the foregoing brief biographical sketch.

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GEORGE W. GARLAND, a retired citizen of Plymouth, is the son of Jonathan Garland. Jonathan Garland was born in Old Hampton, Mass. Soon after his marriage he went to Holderness, N. H., and farmed there about fourteen years. He then moved to Campton, where he spent the remainder of his days. He married Deborah, daughter of Robert Goss of Hanover, N. H. She was stricken by the cruel hand of Death in her sixty ninth year. Mr. Garland passed away at the age of seventy-two. They had a family of twelve children, ten of whom grew up to maturity: William died at the age of four; Mary (Randlett); Henry R.; Hulda B. (Moore); William P.; George W., the subject



of this sketch; Hannah J. (Randlett); Climela (Hurd); Morilla (Shaw); Silas died in youth; Emily (Glover); Almira (Peterson). Mr. and Mrs. Garland were supporters of the Free Will Baptist Church. Mr. Garland was a loyal partisan for Democracy. Although he was a very great reader and very well informed, and notwithstanding his interest in public affairs, he never accepted a nomination for office.

George W. Garland was born in Holderness, July 19, 1831. He received his education and passed his youthful days in Campton, where his parents moved when he was a young child. He began to assume responsibility for his own welfare at the age of seventeen, when he started out in the lumbering business; for thirty years he identified himself with lumbering interests, doing some farming in the summer time. He owned a farm in Thornton, and there his family resided during this time. After leaving the lumbering camps for good he located in Plymouth, and did the teaming there until 1893, when he sold out.

Mr. Garland is a strong Democrat, and has always taken an active interest in town affairs. While he made his home in Thornton he represented that village in the State Legislature for one term. He has also served as surveyor for his district eight years, and has been a member of the board of selectmen for seven years.

In 1855 Mr. Garland married Sarah Gilman; she died at the age of thirty-five. He married, in 1860, his second wife, Lucinda Avery; she passed away when twenty-six years old. In 1864 he was joined in marriage to Eliza A., daughter of Increase Batchelder; they have one son: Dr. William R.

Dr. William R. Garland was born in Thornton, March 22, 1865. His rudimentary education was obtained in the schools of Plymouth, and in the Holderness Episcopal School, from which school he went to the New Hampton Literary Institute to prepare for college. He entered Dartmouth College, and applied himself to the study of medicine. He was graduated from the Medical Department in the Class of 1885, and in the same year commenced to practice in Lancaster, where he remained about nine months. From Lancaster he transferred his work to Campton Village, and built up a good practice, living there until 1895, when he came to Plymouth, where he is

actively engaged at present. Dr. Garland is a member of the New Hampshire State Medical Society, and is also connected with the Baker River Medical Society.

In 1886 he was married to Sadie, daughter of James Clough of Lyman. She was taken from him at the age of twenty-five, leaving one daughter, Mary Blanch, to keep her memory green. He married again, in 1890, the lady of his choice being Mary A., daughter of Jasper Pillsbury of Rumney, N. H., by whom he has one son, George W., Jr.

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DAVID GLYNN, a retired glove manufacturer of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of Stephen Glynn. Stephen Glynn was born in Galway County, Ireland. At the age of twenty-four he sailed for America, being sixty-five days out of sight of land. Landing in New York City, he remained there for a short time, and then went to Massachusetts, making Boston his home for several years. Finally he came to Plymouth, N. H., bought a farm and remained on the same, engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, at the age of seventy-five, in 1872. He married Sarah Clifford of Dorchester, N. H. She departed this life at the age of fifty-two. They reared two children: Thomas F. and David. Mr. Glynn was a Protestant in religion. He voted the Democratic ticket.

David Glynn, the subject of this sketch, was born in Plymouth, Nov. 16, 1842, on what is known as Pike's Hill. He obtained his schooling in his native town.

When the war broke out, and there was a call for volunteers, Mr. Glynn enlisted on Oct. 12, 1861, in Co. A., 6th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., for a three years' term of service. The 6th Regiment was taken by steamer to Hatteras Island, thence to Roanoke Island, and from there to New Berne, N. C., where it joined the Army of the Potomac before the Battle of Bull Run. It remained in this organization during the summer and participated in the skirmishes along the Valley of the Potomac. In the winter of 1862-63 they went to Kentucky, and from there were sent to aid the Army of the Mississippi in the capture of Vicksburg. The 6th N. H. Reg. did valiant service in

this campaign, and are entitled to some praise for that victory that came in the darkest period of the war, and meant so much to the Union cause. After this victory, the regiment was taken to Jackson, Miss.; and in the winter of 1863-64 it rejoined the Army of the Potomac, and remained with it till the close of the war. Mr. Glynn was favorably known among his fellow-soldiers and officers as a faithful and fearless soldier. He was never known to shirk any duty nor flinch in times of personal danger. He may be well proud of this period in his life. Mr. Glynn was honorably discharged, April 10, 1865.

He returned to his native town and engaged in the manufacture of gloves, being associated with his brother until 1880, when Mr. Glynn retired. He lives on a little farm, nicely located on the west side of the Pemigewasset River, in the town of Plymouth, where he has been occupied in the business of raising garden produce for the market since his retirement.

He was joined in marriage, in 1878, to Helen, daughter of Dr. Thomas E. Fisher of Frances-town, N. H. They have one daughter, Ethel J. Mr. Glynn is a supporter of Democratic principles. He is a member of the Orlando Keyes Post, No. 35, G. A. R.

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THOMAS JEFFERSON ADAMS, a retired drover of the town of Plymouth, N. H., is a lineal descendant of Sir John Ap-Adam of Somersetshire, England; the line runs back through the generations of John, Joseph, Archelaus, Jr., Archelaus, Robert, Jr., Robert, Richard, John, Jr., John, and eleven more. The first representative of the family in America was Robert Adams, Jr., who was born in Devonshire, England, in 1601, and with his wife, Elinor, and family settled in Ipswich, Mass., in 1635. In 1638 he moved to Salem, but finally settled down on a farm in Newbury, Mass.; this homestead is still in the possession of the Adams family. He married his first wife in 1628; they had a family of eleven children. She died in the month of June, 1677. He married his second wife in 1678, the lady being widow Sara (Glover) Short. She passed away in 1697.

Archelaus Adams, the son of Robert Adams, Jr., was born about 1658, in Newbury, Mass. He

was an old time innholder in his native town. He was a soldier at York, Me., in 1695. He married his first wife in 1698, and they reared eight children. Having lost his first wife by death he married as his second wife widow Sarah Green, in 1719.

Archelaus Adams, Jr., the son of the preceding, was born Nov. 21, 1714, in Newbury, Mass. He was a yeoman. He married as his first wife Mercy Dowe, in 1737; she did not live long. In 1741 he married again, the bride being Dorothy Clement. She was called above but a very short time after the marriage. For his third wife he married, in 1742, Mary Pierson. They reared a family of eleven children. He died in 1783.

Joseph Adams, the fourth child of Archelaus Adams, Jr., was born in Salisbury, Mass., April 19, 1745. He was a ship-builder by trade. He fought in the War of the Revolution, and held the rank of sergeant. He belonged to Capt. Jonathan Evans' company and Col. James Fry's regiment. He spent his last years in the town of Plymouth, where he died, in 1803, on what is known as Adams's Hill. His body was taken to his native home in Salisbury for interment. In 1768 he was joined in marriage to Molly Currier of Amesbury, Mass. She died at the age of ninety-six. Ten children were born to them: Betty, John, Mehitabel, Joseph, James, William, Archelaus, Ezekiel, Moses, and Martha.

John Adams, the son of Joseph Adams, and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born Oct. 9, 1771, in Salisbury, Mass. He was reared and educated in his native town. He was a ship-builder by trade, and moved to Plymouth when a young man, where he remained the rest of his days, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died in 1863.

In 1796 he married Sally Currier of Salisbury, Mass.; she died in 1858 at the age of eighty-one. Their children were: John, born in 1798, and died in 1850; Bartlett, born in 1799, and died in 1874; Philena (Cummings), born in 1803, and died in 1879; Mary Currier, born in 1805, and died in 1881; Almira, born in 1807, and died in 1826; James Madison, born in 1809, and died in 1841; Joseph, born in 1811, and died in 1864; Sarah Jane, born in 1813, and died in 1816; George Washington, born in 1815, and died in 1816; Sarah Jane (Bradford), born in 1817, and died in 1880; Emily Grace (Hill), born in 1819,







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John Adams was a prominent Democrat. He served as deputy sheriff from 1831 to 1836. He was tax collector two years, and was mail carrier from Plymouth to Portsmouth from 1821 until 1823.

Thomas Jefferson Adams was born Nov. 5, 1822, in Plymouth on Adams Hill. He received his education in Plymouth. In 1848 he opened a provision store in Boston, Mass.; but in 1849 he was called back to his native town by the death of his brother to care for his parents. He remained with them until they passed away. He became engaged in the drover business, and followed that for upwards of twenty years. He has also been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He owns several small productive farms that he cares for.

In 1848 he married Mary J., daughter of James and Sally (Hayes) Remick of Berwick, Me. Mr. Adams is a firm Democrat, and has served as selectman. He is a member of the Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M.

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MRS. MILLIE H. MITCHELL, widow of the late Samuel S. Mitchell, assisted by her son, Carl Albert, is engaged in farming on the homestead of her late husband. Mr. Mitchell was born in Kennebunk, Me., and is a son of Israel and Hepsibah (Blair) Mitchell, and a grandson of Ebenezer and Sarah (Littlefield) Mitchell. Ebenezer was a farmer, and was of Scotch descent.

Israel Mitchell was a brick-maker by trade, and followed that trade, and also engaged in farming. His wife was born in Campton, and was a daughter of Peter Blair. She was on a visit in Charlestown and Somersville when she met Israel Mitchell, and there she was married to him. They then moved to Kennebunk, where they lived some years. As her relatives were residents of Campton, the young couple came to Campton. Israel bought a farm, where our subject now makes her home; it is composed of 400 acres. He purchased it in 1849, and at once began to improve it; the improvements are visi-

ble yet, even after the lapse of almost half a century. He moved three large barns from different places, and grouped them on his land in one solid mass of buildings. He then remodeled them and arranged them into convenient apartments for the varied needs of a well-conducted farm. The house was also remodeled and made more convenient for its owner's use. Israel was a practical man in every sense of the word, and all the improvements were made with the idea of convenience and greater utility. He was born July 5, 1812, and died March 10, 1883. His wife was born in 1816, and departed this life in 1873. The children that resulted from this happy union were: Walter B., born Nov. 3, 1837; Harris B., born March 31, 1839; Mary A., born June 7, 1840; Samuel S., born June 13, 1841; Martha E., born July 26, 1849; Ira, born June 11, 1852; and Nettie F., born Sept. 25, 1855.

Samuel S. Mitchell, the husband of the subject of this sketch, enlisted in 1862, in Co. B., 15th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., and served one year as a sixth corporal, and received an honorable discharge. During the remainder of his life he remained on the farm. He carried out his father's idea of practical farming to its fullest extent; after the house burned down in 1876, he built a new and a larger one, and began to take boarders. Since that time he has had all the boarders he could wish; they have been of the most choice class, and have been more than pleased with the accommodations and the surroundings. The farm is finely located in the valley of Bog Brook, with the house built on a rise of ground, from which one may have a fine view of mountain scenery; Kearsarge Mountain, although many miles distant, is plainly seen, and affords a pleasant background for scenes that are nearer. There are many other peaks that are near by; among these peaks is Bald Hill, with an elevation of 1,300 feet; it is easy of access, and its flat rock on the very summit affords the finest place conceivable for enjoying the scenery, with its many peaks and valleys, forest-crested hill and low-lying cultivated fields. Samuel S. Mitchell died Feb. 7, 1893; his death was caused by being struck by a locomotive while attempting to cross the railroad tracks at Plymouth; after the accident he only lived two weeks. He was universally respected by his large circle of acquaintances for his many noble

traits of character, and his death was a severe blow both to the family and surrounding friends, and to the community at large. In politics he was an Independent Democrat. He supported the Universalist Church heartily, and that organization lost one of its best members in his death. He was an honored member of the local G. A. R. Post.

He married Millie H. Homans, daughter of Gilbert W. and Jane (Bryant) Homans. Gilbert W. Homans was born in Campton, and is a son of John and Hannah (Ramsey) Homans. John Homans's birth-place was Campton, N. H. His father, Joseph Homans, was a native of Newburyport, Mass., having moved to Campton at an early period. John Homans cleared several farms, selling them as fast as he could improve them, and in this way helped to settle the town with a desirable class of people. He cleared farms on Beech Hill and Campton Bog; he also built saw and grist-mills, which have since been torn down. He was a very progressive man and aided much in the early development of Campton. He had the quality of push coupled with that of perseverance, and was bound to succeed. He was killed in middle age, by being run down by an ox team. He was married twice, and had nineteen children. Gilbert W., father of our subject, at his father's death, took charge of the farm and oversaw the necessary work of the farm. Later he built a large saw and grist-mill further down the same brook, where his father had operated mills before him; he became the owner of some 300 acres of land by strict economy and judicious farming. He was born in 1812, and died in 1886. His wife was born in 1814, and died in 1896. Their children were: G. Madison; G. Frank; Elbridge; Anna C.; David R.; and Millie H., the eldest. Mr. Homans was a staunch Republican in politics.

Four children were born to our subject and her husband. May Louise was born June 23, 1871, and is a school teacher. Annie Frances was born July 26, 1872, and is also a teacher. Carl Albert was born March 18, 1875, and assists his mother in the care and management of the farm. Lester Elbridge was born March 9, 1888. Mrs. Mitchell keeps a choice dairy, and has a very fine grafted orchard.

The portrait of Samuel S. Mitchell appears on another page of this work.

REV. JOHN QUINCY BITTINGER, deceased, was born in Berwick, Pa., March 20, 1831. His father, Joseph Bittinger, was the second son of Joseph, the son of Nicholas Budinger, who was the second son of Adam Budinger, who came from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania about the year 1737.

John Quincy Bittinger received his early education in the common schools of his native town, and as apprentice in a printing office. He began fitting for college at Oxford Institute, Pa., took two years at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., graduated from Dartmouth College in 1857, and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1860.

He was ordained and installed at Yarmouth, Me., whence he was called to St. Albans, Vt., and became pastor of the First Congregational Church there in 1864, remaining about three years. During these seven years he took a high position as a preacher, and became known as a writer, publishing articles in the *North American Review*, *American Theological Review*, *Congregational Review*, and in the *Bibliotheca Sacra*.

While at St. Albans his health failed and he was obliged to resign, removing to Windsor, Vt., where he hoped a period of rest would restore him to vigor. This hope never became realized, and for almost thirty years he was an invalid, suffering much, though bravely keeping up the fight.

In 1869 he accepted the pastorate of the church at Hartland, Vt., and in 1873 was called to the important church at Haverhill, where he preached twelve years. Being unable to stand, he delivered his sermons seated in a high chair, but at the last he was unable to mount the pulpit stairs, and was carried to the church in a wheel chair, preaching from the platform in front of the pulpit.

In 1886, his increasing infirmities compelled him to retire from public duties, and he resigned his pastorate. In 1888 he published the "History of Haverhill," the first and only history the town has ever had.

For over two years he was editor of the *New Hampshire Journal*, resigning in 1888. In 1892 he published "A Plea for the Sabbath and for Man," a book of 236 pages, the materials for which he had been gathering for ten years. In many respects this is considered the best recent



work on the Sabbath, and reveals on almost every page the abundant learning of the author. This work Mr. Bittinger regarded as the crowning effort of his life, and it proved his last. His health rapidly failed, and before the book came from the publisher's hands, he had so nearly lost his eye-sight that he was unable to see the finished product of his brain.

Mr. Bittinger died at his home in Haverhill, April 5, 1895, of heart disease, terminating a very low physical condition of several weeks.

In 1860 he married Sarah Jones Wainwright of Hanover, who survives him with three sons and a daughter. The eldest son, Frederick W., married Aug. 3, 1886, Lillian M. Ayer of Pike Station, N. H., and they have two children: Muriel M. and Fritz J. The second son, Joseph F., married March 6, 1889, Kate A. Teague of Memphis, Tenn. They have two children: Marjorie V. and Alene. The two younger children of Rev. Bittinger, Helen C. and Charles E., are unmarried.

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ALFRED COCK, a leading farmer of the town of Plymouth, is the son of John Cook, grandson of Cutting Cook, great-grandson of Samuel Cook, Jr., and great-great-grandson of Samuel Cook.

Samuel Cook passed his life in Newburyport, Mass. Samuel Cook, Jr., was born in Newburyport, but early in life traveled to Campton, N. H., where he received a grant of land, and became one of the early settlers of the town. He engaged actively in agricultural pursuits on a large scale. He made Campton his home, and died there. He married Judith Bartlett.

Cutting Cook, the son of Samuel Cook, Jr., was born in Newburyport, where he was reared and educated to agricultural pursuits. He carried on his extensive farming operations with considerable profit. He lived to be seventy-five years old. His wife was Betsy Merrill. She died April 30, 1845, at the age of seventy-nine. Their children were: Cutting, Jr., Betsey, John, Hannah, Jemima, Sally, Judith, Mehitabel, Zebedee, Lucinda, and Lydia.

Capt. John Cook, son of the preceding, and father of the subject of this notice, was born in

Campton on the old homestead, located on what is now generally called Cook's Hill. His trade was that of a bridge-builder and carpenter, and he practiced these trades the most of his life. He lived on the homestead, and, in connection with his trade, carried on farming operations on a small scale. He passed away at the age of seventy-eight. He married Hannah, daughter of John Clark of Haverhill, N. H. She died at the age of eighty. Nine children was the result of this union: Emily, died at the age of five years; Martha (Whidden); Mary (Merrill); Rufus; Franklin; Alfred, 1st, died when young; John; Alfred; and Moody. They were prominent members of the Free Will Baptist Church. As a worker in the church and Sunday-school, Mr. Cook was always found at the post of duty and willing to assume his share of the responsibility, and to perform his part of the work. He was superintendent of the Sunday-school for over thirty years. He was a kindly disposed neighbor, and ever ready with sympathy and help for those in trouble.

As a citizen he was loyal to duty, and always exercised his best judgment in the management of public affairs. He was a public-spirited man, and served in the various town offices. His title as captain was derived from his office that he held in the State militia.

Alfred Cook, the subject of this notice, was born in Campton, March 13, 1835. At first attending the district schools of Campton, he built the foundation for a good education. New Hampton Academy furnished him a suitable place for advanced work. Finishing the academy, he taught school for one season; but that work did not appeal to his taste, so he commenced the study of civil engineering under his older brother. After becoming proficient in the profession he went west during the great period of railroad building, and executed considerable work there. Since 1870 Mr. Cook has lived in Plymouth; he has been a very successful farmer, and has the reputation of being a very practical engineer. He has devoted a great deal of time and study to his profession, and still does work in that line in the vicinity of his home.

In the year 1861 he married Hannah, daughter of David Boynton of Thornton, N. H. Their family consists of: Charles A.; Herbert M. died at the age of seventeen years and six months;

John M. died in infancy; Mary H.; Alice E.; John H.; and Flora A. His sons assist him in the carrying on of the farm work, and make a specialty of dairying. He has a fine improved farm of 200 acres; it lies in the Baker River Valley, about two miles from the village, and is known as the River Side Farm.

Mr. Cook is a Republican, and, like his father before him, gives much of his attention to public affairs; in those things that directly concern the town is he most deeply interested in. He has filled several of the posts of honor and responsibility at the disposal of his fellow-townsmen with great credit. He is well liked by his neighbors, and very highly respected by all good citizens for his many good qualities.

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HERMAN W. CLAY, a leading dairyman of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of Jonathan Laud Clay, and grandson of William Clay. William Clay was born in Salisbury, N. H., and lived there the early portion of his life; he then moved to East Andover, where he lived the most of his life. He died in Plymouth at the allotted age of man—seventy years. He reared three children: Horace, Jonathan L., and Caleb C. Mr. Clay was a shoemaker by trade, and followed it steadily through life.

Jonathan L. Clay was born in Salisbury, N. H. In early life his father apprenticed him to the stone-cutter's trade, believing that everyone should have one thing he could do and do well. Although very familiar with his trade, Jonathan never attempted to earn his living with it, but turned his attention to the pursuit of agriculture. After his marriage he removed to Plymouth, where he lived to the age of fifty-seven, when death released him from further care and worry.

He married Mary A. Gillman of Springfield, N. H.; she passed away at the age of fifty-one, after giving birth to six children: Herman W., the subject of this notice; Luhana, who married Charles Morrill of Littleton; they have two children, Willie C. and Scott B.; Ocello B. married Abbie A. Morrill of Bridgewater; they died and left one child, Ethel M.; Sherard married Susan B. Burnes, who died at the age of thirty-three; he married as his second wife Belle B. Putnam of Elnor, Vt.; Elmer X. was born in Plymouth,

and worked seven years at glove-cutting. He then bought a farm adjoining the homestead, where he settled down, and at the present time operates a dairy; he has a milk route in Plymouth that he has run for five years. His farm consists of 210 acres, some of which is under cultivation, but the greater portion is devoted to pasturage. He married, in 1888, Ella, daughter of Moses Isham of East Concord, Vt. They have one child, Bertha E. Elmer X. Clay is a member of the Lafayette Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., and also of the Plymouth Grange, No. 42. Cora M., the youngest child of Jonathan L. Clay, married George Guy. Jonathan L. Clay, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a strong Democrat, as are all his sons. He served as selectman of Plymouth for three years.

Herman W. Clay was born in Plymouth, June 4, 1842. Glove-cutting furnished a means of employment for five years, when he returned to the old homestead and made it his dwelling-place; he still resides there. On Sept. 24, 1874, he was joined in matrimonial bonds to Addie M., daughter of Moses A. Choate of Enfield, N. H. They have four children: Stella M., Lucian, Helen Z., and Bernice. Mr. Clay, in addition to his regular farming operations, makes a specialty of dairying, and has conducted a milk route in Plymouth since 1890. He has a 200-acre farm, located two miles from the village of Plymouth.

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FRANK E. GOODELL, a retired farmer of Wentworth, N. H., is the son of Asa Goodell, grandson of Luther Goodell, great-grandson of Deacon Jonathan Goodell, great-great-grandson of Jonathan Goodell, great-great-great-grandson of Isaac Goodell, great-great-great-great-grandson of Zechariah Goodell, and the great-great-great-great-great-grandson of Robert Goodell, who was born in Suffolk Co., England, in 1604, and emigrated to Salem, Mass., in 1634.

Luther Goodell, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Lyme, N. H. His whole life was spent in that town. He married Patty Waterman; they reared a family of eight children.

Asa was the eldest child, and was brought up to the life of a farmer. He married Polly, daughter of Justice Grant of Lyme. Asa re-







HON. WILLIAM A. BERRY.

mained in Lyme about twelve years after his marriage engaged in his chosen pursuit, when he removed to Wentworth, where he spent the remainder of his peaceful life. Asa Goodell and his wife were loyal members of the Congregational Church. In politics he affiliated with the Whigs, until the final dismemberment of that party, when he transferred his allegiance and trust to the Republican party. He departed this life in 1885. His wife passed away at the age of forty-five, leaving one child as the result of the union.

Frank E. Goodell was born in Lyme, March 20, 1828. He received his education in the town of his nativity, and came to Wentworth with his parents. He has been engaged in the pursuit of agriculture with generally good results until 1888, when he retired from active life, and left the old homestead and moved to the village. In 1855 he was joined in the holy bond of matrimony to Hannah, daughter of Jesse Eaton of Wentworth, N. H. They support the Congregational Church. He is a Republican in politics, and is always interested in town affairs.

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HON. WILLIAM A. BERRY, a prominent manufacturer of picker sticks and all other accessories of cotton and woolen mills, who has his residence and factory in Bristol, N. H., was born Oct. 23, 1826, in the above town, and is a son of the "War Governor," Nathaniel S. Berry, and Ruth Smith, the former a native of Bath, Me., and the latter from Bath, N. H.

Abner Berry, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Bath, Me., and was a ship-builder by trade, which occupation he followed up to the time of his death, which was occasioned by an injury received from falling from a vessel which he was engaged in constructing. He married Betsey Springer, a native of Maine, and their union was blessed with four children: Abner, Teresa, Mary, and Nathaniel S. In their religious belief they were Congregationalists.

Hon. Nathaniel S. Berry, father of our subject, was born Sept. 1, 1796, in Bath, Me. In June, 1805, at the age of nine years, poverty compelled him to face the world and to become dependent on his own efforts for a livelihood, and accordingly secured a position as a chore boy at

a tavern in his native town. A short time after this he was apprenticed to a tanner of Bath, with whom he worked six years, with the exception of from four to six weeks each summer, when he was attending school. In 1807 his widowed mother married Benjamin Morse, a ship-builder of Lebanon, Me.; two years later the ship-building prospects were ruined by the threatened war with England, and Mr. Morse was compelled to seek other employment, so he moved his family to Lisbon, N. H., where Nathaniel lived a few months. When he finally left home he went to Bath, N. H., where he became apprenticed to William Morrison, a saddler and harness-maker; during the three and a half years that he spent with Mr. Morrison he added to his limited education by improving every opportunity at the Public Library, to which he had free access. There at the age of fourteen he first attended Sunday-school. At the age of sixteen he became apprenticed to Edmond Carlton, receiving for his services \$40.00 and six weeks schooling a year, but clothing himself. In April, 1818, he moved to Bristol, N. H., where he took charge of a tannery at a salary of \$200.00 a year. In 1820 he was engaged in the manufacture of leather, and six years later erected in Bristol the first tannery in New England for tanning with hot liquors. From 1840 to 1864 he resided in Hebron, continuing in the same line of business; his tannery there was twice destroyed by fire. From 1864 to 1878 he lived in Andover, Mass., and then went west, and lived with his daughter, Mrs. Emeline Morse, now deceased, in Milwaukee, Wis., until 1883, when he returned to Bristol, N. H., where he spent his days with his son, William A. Berry, the subject of this sketch. He was a splendid type of the self-made man, starting out in life without means, but with perseverance, a desire to do well what was to be done, and an evident intention to win his way in the great battle of life. How well he succeeded in commercial life we have already briefly recounted; it only remains to tell of his valuable services to town, state, and the nation at large, for his fame was national, and his work in the aid of the Union will ever occupy a prominent place in the history of the great civil struggle of 1861-65.

In his political belief he was a Democrat until 1840, and later, upon the formation of the Re-

publican party, joined its ranks. He was a public-spirited man, and always occupied a prominent place in public affairs. He was one of the incorporators of the Bristol Branch Railroad, raising among the capitalists of the city of Boston a part of the money required for its construction. He was justice of the peace and quorum for New Hampshire twenty-three years, and for Massachusetts five years. He was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas from 1841-1850; Judge of Probate five years; and for several years a selectman of Bristol, N. H. He represented Bristol in the Legislature in 1828-33-34, and Hebron in 1847 and 1854. In 1835-36 he was State Senator from the Eleventh Senatorial District. In 1861 he was elected Governor of New Hampshire, and was re-elected in 1862. As a Governor he greatly aided the Government in suppressing the Rebellion, organizing and equipping the 2nd Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., soon after his inauguration. During his tenure of office in 1861-62 he enlisted, armed, and equipped fourteen regiments of infantry, three companies of cavalry, and one company of heavy artillery, in all 15,000 men, and has received the honored sobriquet of the "War Governor of New Hampshire." In 1862 he was one of twenty-two Northern Governors who met at Altoona, Penn., where, after a lengthened conference, he was chosen to address President Lincoln. In all his political life he never paid out a dollar to influence a man's vote, nor did he ever influence a man to support him in any way.

In 1821 he was united in marriage with Ruth Smith of Bath, N. H., and was blessed with the birth of two children: Emeline (Morse); William A., the subject of this sketch. The daughter died in 1888. Mrs. Berry departed this life July 26, 1857. In 1859 he formed a second union with Mrs. Louisa Farley of Andover, Mass., who died April 6, 1878. In the matter of his religious affiliations, he was a faithful worker and member of the M. E. Church of Bristol, N. H.

William A. Berry, our subject, was educated in the district schools of Bristol, N. H., and upon the completion of his education moved to Hebron, N. H., where he remained sixteen years in the employ of his father. In 1860 he changed his residence to Bristol, N. H., and there engaged in the manufacture of gloves and mittens for about ten years, and in 1880 he became a

wood pulp manufacturer, continuing in that branch of industry until 1892. In that year he was appointed administrator of the William T. Taylor estate, and in 1894, after settling the above-mentioned estate, he purchased the mills formerly owned by Mr. Taylor, and since that time has been engaged in the manufacture of picker sticks, loom swells, crank arms, lap rolls, picker levers, etc., and other like supplies, used in woolen and cotton mills.

Politically, Mr. Berry is, as we might expect, a stanch Republican like his father, and represented the town of Hebron three years in the State Legislature, in 1855-57-58, and is now holding the office of selectman of the town of Bristol, a position he has held for eight years. Socially, he is a Mason, and belongs to Union Lodge, No. 79, of Bristol, N. H.; and to Mt. Hope Chapter of Concord, N. H. He was one of the charter members of Union Lodge, and its first Master.

In 1852 he united his fortunes with those of Laura A. Pratt, daughter of Varnum Pratt of Hebron, N. H., and to them have been given two children: Emma Pratt, who resides at home; and one, who died in infancy. Mr. Berry and family are honored members of the M. E. Church of Bristol, N. H.

The publishers of this volume take pleasure in adding to our large gallery of portraits of the county's leading men the portrait of Mr. Berry, who has the best of rights to be included among Grafton's prominent and representative citizens, because of his splendid business record.

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FRANK V. EMERSON, superintendent and manager of the Emerson Edge Tool Co., at East Lebanon, N. H., was born in Woodstock, Vt., Sept. 16, 1854, and is a son of Albro V. and Josephine B. (Kempton) Emerson, and grandson of Jonathan and Polly (Collins) Emerson. The parents of our subject's grandfather were James and Lydia (Hoyt) Emerson, and his grandfather was Stephen Emerson.

Stephen Emerson came from Hampstead to Weare, N. H., in 1762, and was among the early settlers and farmers of that place, owning large tracts of land. His son James also followed the



pursuit of agriculture, but consumption claimed him as a victim when forty years old. His children were as follows: Jonathan, Lydia, Stephen, and James. His widow married as her second husband Aaron Pingley, and bore him one child, Polly.

When a young man Jonathan Emerson left the homestead at Weare and moved to Grantham, N. H., where he leased a farm and entered upon a successful career as a farmer, being soon able to own a farm of his own and to lay up considerable wealth. After a number of years in Grantham he sold his farm and followed the business of milling for several years at Bradford, N. H., going from there to Newbury and buying a farm. By this time he was in the possession of a comfortable fortune, and thereafter he made the practice of buying farms, occupying them a few years, while making improvements on them, and then selling them at an advanced value, invariably realizing a good amount of money by these speculations. His field of operations was quite extended, including New London and many other places in that vicinity; he finally came to Lebanon and settled down for good, buying a pleasant home on Mascoma Street; but very soon receiving a good offer for the property, he disposed of it and bought land in Newport, where he was bereaved of the cheering presence of his wife, who died at the age of seventy-nine. He then sold his Newport property and came to Lebanon, dying in that town in his eightieth year. He was a Democrat and very liberal in his religious views. He reared a large family, all of whom grew up to maturity and made happy marriages; they were as follows: Hiram, Susan, Jonathan, Arvilla; James, who was distinguished as an inventor; Moses, Albro V., Cyrus, and Lucinda and Lucina, twins.

Albro V. Emerson was born in Sutton, N. H., and after finishing an education, which was very limited, he went to Newport, N. H., and served an apprenticeship to the trade and business which he made his life-work, that of making edge tools. In 1856 he came to the town of Lebanon and bought of Leonard Stearns the scythe factory at Scytheville and carried on his chosen business under the firm name of A. V. Emerson & Co., which after two years was changed to Emerson & Cummings, running under that style two years, when Mr. Emerson sold his in-

terest to his partner and accepted a position as foreman of the J. Cummings & Co., manufacturers, who sold to Phillips, Messer & Colby, who ran it about one year when Mr. A. V. Emerson bought back the plant and operated it for a year, when the firm became Emerson & Kendall for two years, Mr. Kendall being succeeded then by M. W. Emerson, the firm being known as Emerson & Co. for three years. The Emersons then sold the plant to Cummings & Purport, who ran it under the style of the Mascoma Edge Tool Co.

In 1871 A. V. Emerson, our subject's father, went to Littleton and started a similar factory, and then went to Holyoke, Mass., where he was engaged with his brother in testing water wheels. In 1873 he went to Taftsville, Vt., where the Emerson Edge Tool Co. was organized and run nine years, the members of the company being A. V. Emerson, Enos Dole, and A. G. Dewey. In 1882 Mr. Emerson came to East Lebanon and ran the same business alone under the title of the Emerson Edge Tool Co., using the old slate factory, which he remodeled and adapted to his wants. He made a specialty of the Emerson Standard Scythe, Emerson Corrugated Scythe, and Diamond Axes. He was born in 1827 and died in 1893; his wife was born in the same year, and preceded him to the regions promised to those of blameless life, one year. She was a daughter of Silas Kempton. The following children were born to our subject's parents: Mary A.; L. Isabel; Frank V.; Helen J.; and Elmer E. Our subject's father was a Democrat in his political antecedents, Baptist in regard to his religious preference, and socially a member of Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 6.

Frank V. Emerson graduated from New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanics' Arts in 1875, and was a clerk for his father until the latter's death; since then he and his sisters have composed the firm, and Mr. Emerson has complete management of the concern. He manufactures 4,500 dozen scythes and 600 dozen axes per year. The superior quality and finish of their goods has gained for them a wide reputation, extending not only throughout New England, but also through the Central and Western States. Our subject bought the handsome Cushion homestead at East Lebanon, which he has fitted up in first-class shape, remod-

eling it where necessary and putting in modern conveniences. The house was built over 100 years ago by Col. Payne, and has grand, wide halls and fire-places, as they used to have in the houses of the better class during Colonial times; it was a castle in its day against the incursions of the Indians. It is situated on a rise of ground which affords a beautiful view of the mountain ranges, Mascoina Lake, and the Shaker Village. Mr. Emerson also owns several tenements and other property of a landed nature. He is a Democrat politically and loyally supports the choice of his party. He is a Baptist in regard to his views on religious subjects. He is a member of Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 6; and St. Andrews Chapter, R. A. M.

Mr. Emerson married Mary L. Baker, daughter of Lewis Baker of Fort Ann, Washington Co., N. Y. She was taken from her husband and two little children at the age of forty-one. Stoddard B. was born March 1, 1880; and Isabel K. was born May 10, 1884.

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CHARLES R. GIBSON, M. D., a practicing physician of Woodsville, N. H., and president of the Woodsville Loan and Banking Co., is a son of Reuel Gibson, and grandson of Arrington Gibson, who made his home chiefly in Londonderry, Vt. Arrington Gibson and his wife were stanch patriots of the War of 1812; Arrington served in the army, and his wife molded bullets for the use of the soldiers. This loyal woman was named Betsy Cochran. Her death was caused by an injury she received from a fall from a sled while going home from church. She was forty-five years of age at the time of her death. Their son, Reuel Gibson, was born in Londonderry, Vt., in 1811. He was brought up on the farm, and educated to the life of a tiller of the soil. He married Emily, daughter of Benjamin Barnard of Peru, Vt. She died at the age of sixty; Mr. Gibson is now living in Londonderry, Vt. Five children were born to them: Francis M., now in Lincoln, Neb.; Albert, residing in Weeping Water, Neb.; Cyrus H., died at the age of twenty-two; Dr. Charles R., the subject of this sketch; Benjamin A., living in Denver, Col.

Dr. Charles R. Gibson was born in Allstead, N. H., May 12, 1853. The district schools fur-

nished him a good knowledge of the common branches as a foundation upon which to build the elaborate superstructure of a professional education. Having taken advanced work in the Academy of New Ipswich, N. H., he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. S. T. Smith, at Allstead. He then entered Bowdoin College, and prosecuted his studies in the healing art, graduating from the Medical Department with the Class of '75. He had also taken advanced work with the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, and became a graduate of that institution as a member of the Class of '75. The ensuing eighteen months were spent with much profit and valuable experience in the Maine General Hospital at Portland, finally locating in the fall of 1877 in Woodsville, where he has practiced since. He has been a constant student, and has obtained a deep insight into the intricacies of his chosen profession; and at the same time his excellent principles and obliging and genial disposition, with his care in the treatment of all cases entrusted to him, have been the means of building up a large and successful practice.

In 1880 he was married to Jennie, daughter of W. R. Park of Plymouth, N. H. Dr. Gibson is a member of the Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a strong Republican, and loses no chance to support its principles. He is a director of the Woodsville Savings Bank, and has served as president of the Woodsville Loan & Banking Co. since 1874.

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JOEL READ, a leading farmer of Plymouth, is the son of Edwin R. Reed, who was born in Nashua, N. H., at what was then known as Readville. He left home at the early age of seven, and began to support himself. He learned the trade of a tanner, and worked at it during his younger years, but the most of his life was spent on the farm engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. He owned a farm in Dorchester and made it his home for several years; the latter years of his life were passed on his farm in Plymouth. He married Lucy S. Tarr of Nashua, N. H. He died at the age of sixty-three, leaving his wife and six children: Henry, Albert, Joel, Milton, Ellen (Weeks); Minnie (Brown). Mr. Read







CLARENCE A. SMITH.

was a Democrat and served as selectman of the town of Dorchester for seven years. The Read family were regular attendants of the Universalist Church.

Joel Read was born June 14, 1851, in Nashua. He remained on the homestead with his parents till he became of age. Mr. Read carried on his farming operations in Dorchester until 1882, when he purchased his present farm of 210 acres in Plymouth, and has since been a resident of Plymouth. He has eighty-five acres of his farm under cultivation. There is also a back lot of about 200 acres which he uses for pasturing purposes. His farm is nicely located in the Pemigewasset River Valley, about two miles from Plymouth Village.

Mr. Read was united in marriage, in Jan. 21, 1872, to Martha, daughter of Lucian Follansbee of Dorchester. They have one son, Will W. They favor the Universalist Church. Mr. Read is a member of the flourishing Plymouth Grange, No. 239.

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CLARENCE A. SMITH, deputy sheriff of Bristol, and the leading blacksmith of the town, was born in the town of Orange, this county, Feb. 18, 1861, and is a son of Richard R. and Sarah E. (Eastman) Smith.

Asa Smith, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a shoemaker by trade, and was born in Warren, N. H., June 6, 1776; he carried on his trade in connection with farming all his life. He married Susan Webber of Rumney, N. H., and they were blessed with the birth of the following children: Sherburne, Hannah, Susan, Tamah, Rachel, Abigail, Lucy, Richard R., Kimball, and Jonathan. They were Baptists in their religious preferences.

Richard R. Smith, the grandfather of our subject, was born April 14, 1807, in Rumney, N. H., and was a farmer, and followed that occupation in the town of Orange all of his life. He married Mary Colburn, daughter of Samuel and Sybil Colburn of Dedham, Mass., and from this union there were nine children. The eldest, Susan W., born Sept. 1, 1834, married Edmond W. Locke, now deceased, of Alexandria, whose sketch appears in full elsewhere in this book; Richard R. was born April 3, 1837; Henry P.

was born Feb. 28, 1839; Mary C., born March 2, 1841, married Joseph Eastman of Orange, N. H., and has two children, Willie R. and Cora M.; Daniel J. married Sarah Howard of Erie, Penn., and has two children, Ora and Bertha; Julia A. married Jacob Ferrin of Groton, N. H., and has three children, Nellie A., Walter S., and Lizzie M.; John M. married Ida Hazelton of Hebron, and has one child, Ellen; Samuel C. married Maria Whitford of Waterbury, Penn., and has two children, Richard and Betsey; George M. married Ida Gifford of Waterbury, Penn., and has one child, Eva. Mrs. Smith, the mother of the foregoing children, died Nov. 21, 1863, and Mr. Smith then formed a second matrimonial alliance with Diantha R. Smith, who bore him two children: Willie M. and Harvey. Willie M. married Christina Kenney of Bristol, N. H. Harvey married Clara Hazelton of Groton, N. H. They favored the Congregational Church. Mr. Smith died March 17, 1881, and his second wife May 17, 1891.

Richard R. Smith was educated in the district schools of Orange, N. H., and upon completing his education and until he was twenty-three years of age drove an ox team, hauling ship spars, which were shipped to Boston, Mass. He then engaged with the Northern Railroad, and later with the Boston & Lowell, and with the Boston & Maine; he commenced as a section hand and gradually worked his way to the position he now holds, that of road master of the B. & M. R. R., which he has held since 1879. Politically he is a Republican, and in 1896 was elected to represent the town of Canaan, N. H., in the legislative halls of Concord. In 1858 he was joined in marriage with Sarah E. Eastman, daughter of Joseph Eastman of Orange, N. H. To our subject's parents have been born two children: Sidney R. married Cora B. Smith of Canaan, N. H., and has one child, Herman S.; Clarence A., the eldest child, is the subject of this sketch. They also adopted a daughter, Ola M., who married Albert H. Wilson of Canaan, N. H., and has one son, John R. They are attendants of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Clarence A. Smith first undertook to cope with the stern realities of life as a member of the iron gang on the Northern Railroad, and worked two years in that heavy work. He then learned the blacksmith's trade of J. D. Webber of Canaan,

N. H., and in 1880 moved to Bristol, where he engaged with Anson Buckston a short time, and in 1881 purchased a shop, which he now owns and occupies, and has since carried on a thriving business; he also owns and conducts a shop at the lower end of Bristol Village, and employs as many as four men the most of the time. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and has been a member of the board of health seventeen years, has served as selectman one year, as the local police several years, and has been deputy sheriff since 1894.

In 1884 he was joined in marriage with Linnie M. Griffith, daughter of Henry Griffith of Bristol, N. H. Their union has resulted in the birth of one child, Roy R., born Oct. 24, 1884, who represents the fifth generation of the family on the mother's side, descending from the Locke family, among the first settlers of Bristol. Our subject's portrait appears in connection with this sketch on a preceding page.

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GASPER POLICE, the leading fruit dealer of Plymouth, N. H., was born in the sunny land of Italy, April 20, 1856. In 1882 he left his native land to seek his fortune in the New World, locating at first in Concord, N. H., where he worked nine months with his brother, becoming accustomed to American customs of life. He then made a short visit to his old home, and on his return to the United States entered the fruit business in Pittsfield, N. H. His venture proving very profitable, and realizing the advantage of a life-partner in his work, he again made a visit to Italy, and married Moruzzia Guiditta.

Having returned to this country with his wife, he opened a fruit store in the village of Plymouth in August, 1890; he is now doing a large wholesale as well as retail business. His trade has been constantly increasing, and he now has a branch store in Berlin, N. H. His stores are well stocked with a full line of the best fruits. He occupies a corner store in a brick block centrally located on Main Street. Mr. Police's success has been due to his careful business habits and to his energetic and untiring efforts to give satisfaction to everybody. Mr. and Mrs. Police have been blessed with one child, Wenuto Police, who was born June 24, 1891.

AMASA WALKER AVERY, a jeweler of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of Ezra W. Avery, and grandson of David H. Avery. David H. Avery was born in the lower part of the State, but early in life went to Rumney, and there engaged in farming. He remained in Rumney until about 1840, when he removed to Campton, in a part of the town that was later set off in the town of Plymouth, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1852, when he was aged eighty-seven years. He married Susannah Willie; she died at the age of eighty-nine, leaving the following children: Samuel, Elias, Lois, Susan, and Ezra.

Ezra Avery was born in Rumney. He learned the trade of tanner and shoemaker, and operated a tannery in Campton Hollow for a time. He then opened up a shoe store in Plymouth, and continued in the business several years. After this he returned to Campton and was employed in a store there for a time. He then went back to the old homestead, and cared for his parents till their death; he was cultivating the farm at this time. In 1861 he moved to Plymouth, where he died at the age of seventy-nine. He married Ruth Bucknam of West Cambridge, Mass., who lived to the age of seventy-two, when she was stricken down. Their children were: Adalina A. (Smith), Arthur A., George A., and Amasa Walker. Arthur and George died in infancy. Ezra Avery was an old line Whig, afterwards becoming a Democrat.

Amasa Walker Avery was born in Campton, Sept. 10, 1836. He received his education in the schools of Campton, Rumney, and Plymouth; at the age of twenty-one he began to work at glove cutting. The first year he obtained \$18 for a month's work; upon his demand for \$26.00 a month for the second year he was refused, and so he returned to the farm, preferring farm labor than glove-cutting at \$18.00 a month. After he had been back on the farm a year he was offered a chance to take up his former occupation of glove-cutting at the salary he had demanded. He worked at this until 1861, when he went to Philadelphia and worked in the Armory there for a year or more. Upon his return to Plymouth he started in the glove business for himself, and followed it until 1885. In that year he bought the late L. C. Hull's jewelry stock, and has since been engaged in the jewelry business;



he occupies a store in the Kidder Block on Main Street, and carries a line of books and stationery in addition to his jewelry stock.

Mr. Avery is an unyielding Democrat. He is a member of the Plymouth Lodge, No. 66, I. O. O. F., and is the permanent secretary of the same.

He was married, in 1865, to Martha, daughter of James Bump of Campton, N. H. She died at the age of twenty-seven, and left one child: Alberta R. (Drew). Mr. Avery married again in 1873, Ida B., daughter of Walter H. Sawyer of Woodstock, being his present wife. They have two children: Lena B., born in 1874; and E. Walter, born in 1883.

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JOHN H. MUDGETT, a retired carpenter of Plymouth, N. H., is the son of Jessie Mudgett, grandson of John Mudgett, and great-grandson of Joseph Mudgett.

It is thought that Joseph Mudgett lived most of his days in Brentwood, N. H., for there is where he reared his family of three boys and five girls. He passed his years on the farm. His son John was born in Fremont, N. H., where he was engaged in farming all his life. He married Mary Clifford; they had a family of six children: Samuel; Joseph; John, Jr.; Jessie; Abigail; and Hannah (Mrs. Thomas Tukesbury).

Jesse Mudgett, the youngest son of John Mudgett, was born in 1802, in Fremont. He attended the district schools, and there received his education. At the age of sixteen he began to serve his apprenticeship as a carpenter. After serving his full time he went to Holderness, bought a small farm, and made it his home throughout the remainder of his life, working most of the time at his trade. He was united in marriage to Ruth, daughter of Moody Carr of Fremont. Moody Carr was a direct descendant of George Carr, a shipbuilder, who lived in Ipswich, Mass., in 1630. Seven children were born into the family: Rhoda C.; John H., the subject of this sketch; Mary C. (Huckins); Moody C.; Elizabeth G. (McDonald); Abbie A.; and James C. Jesse Mudgett passed away Dec. 11, 1879; his wife departed this life July 7, 1877, aged seventy-eight. Mr. Mudgett was a Whig during

the life of that party, and became, upon its decease, a Republican. He represented the town twice in the State Legislature; yet he was not an office-seeker; he only served at the solicitation of his party, and from a desire to do his duty.

John H. Mudgett, the subject of this sketch, was born in Holderness, Feb. 16, 1829. His education was obtained in the district schools of Holderness, in Holmes Academy, in Plymouth, and in Tilton Academy. He began to teach school at the age of eighteen, teaching five winter seasons, and spending the summers assisting his father. He served his apprenticeship as a carpenter with his father, and followed the trade all his life. Until 1869 he lived on a small farm in Holderness; in that year he came to Plymouth, where he lives now.

Mr. Mudgett was married, in 1860, to Mary E., daughter of Peter Walker of Campton, N. H. They have two daughters: Caroline W. and Mary L. The family are attendants of the M. E. Church. Mr. Mudgett is a strong Republican, and represented Plymouth in the State Legislature during the years 1885 and 1886.

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FRED G. WEEKS, D. D. S., is a skillful young dentist of Woodsville, and is centrally located in a finely furnished suite of rooms in the Opera House Block, having the corner rooms, Nos. 11 and 12. In his short experience in the profession, he has secured a large practice, and competes successfully with older practitioners.

Our subject is a son of James H. and Louisa A. (Weeks) Weeks, and a grandson of John and Mehitabel (Holmes) Weeks. John Weeks was born in the vicinity of Portland, Me., and was an early settler of Chatham, N. H., where he lived the calm and undisturbed life of a farmer. His wife died at the age of seventy-two, and he at the age of sixty-nine. They reared seven children: James H.; Dr. Stephen H.; Dr. Albion; Joseph; John; Susan (Chase) (Head); Lydia (Weeks).

James H. Weeks was born in 1831, in Chatham, N. H., where he passed a happy youth under the parental roof, obtaining his education in the district school near by. The pursuit of agriculture became his chosen vocation, and he followed it until 1894, when poor health com-

pelled his retirement from the heavy work and exposure incident to farming; he then moved to the city of Manchester, where he now lives. He married Louisa A., daughter of Eliphalet Weeks of Chatham, N. H.; she was born in the year 1832. They brought up to maturity three children, who were as follows: Addie (Bovee), who died at the age of thirty-six; Frank H., who is living in Manchester, N. H.; and Fred G.

Fred G. Weeks, the subject of this sketch, was born in Chatham, N. H., April 23, 1869, and received his preliminary mental training in the schools of Chatham, taking advanced studies in Fryeburg Academy. The thorough knowledge of his profession was acquired at the Boston Dental College, from which he graduated with the Class of 1894. He immediately located in Woodsville, N. H., and entered upon a successful struggle for a practice. He is a member of Kane Lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M., of Lisbon, N. H.; also of the I. O. O. F., of Woodsville.

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HON. JOHN F. PHILLIPS, a well-to-do farmer and leading citizen of the town of Alexandria, was born in the above town June 23, 1842, and is a son of Alvah and Ruth (Sleeper) Phillips, the former of Groton and the latter of Alexandria.

John Phillips, the grandfather of our subject, was born March 9, 1760, and it was supposed he was a native of New Hampshire. He was a farmer by occupation, and followed that most independent and healthful of pursuits all his life, the latter part of which was spent in Groton. He served in the Revolutionary War as a drummer boy. In 1783 he married Annie Cummings of Plymouth, N. H. She was born March 11, 1764. Their union was blessed with twelve children, as follows: Annie, born April 28, 1784; Abigail, Dec. 25, 1785; Lewis, Feb. 13, 1788; John S., Dec. 1, 1789; Annie (2nd), Aug. 28, 1791; Polly, Aug. 24, 1792; Polly (2nd), July 1, 1795; Katie, July 17, 1798; Henry C., Aug. 18, 1800; Jesse, Feb. 16, 1802; Alvah, Oct. 30, 1803; and Seth, April 22, 1807. Our subject's grandparents, in their religious belief were Free Will Baptists.

Alvah Phillips was educated in the schools of Groton, and became a farmer, living most of his

life in Alexandria, where he lived and died on the first settled farm in that town, departing this life April 21, 1867. He was a stanch Whig during the life of that party, and upon its dissolution joined the ranks of the Republican party, but would never accept an office of whatever character. He was a very successful man in life, and considered by his neighbors as a very prosperous farmer. Dec. 30, 1830, he was married to Ruth Sleeper, daughter of Peter and Sally (Atwood) Sleeper, native of Alexandria, N. H., and to them was born one child, John F., the subject of this mention. In religious belief they favored the Free Will Baptist Church. Our subject's mother died July 29, 1885.

John F. Phillips was educated in the district schools of Alexandria, N. H., and upon completing his education turned his attention to the pursuit of agriculture. In 1886 he engaged in general mercantile business in Alexandria, which he carried on until 1895, when he sold the stock and good-will of his large patronage to his son Will A. Phillips. In politics he is a Democrat, and was selectman six years, collector of taxes two years, member of the school board two years, representative in State Legislature two years, and town treasurer three years, which latter position he still holds. Socially he belongs to Bristol Lodge, No. 46, Knights of Pythias, of Bristol, N. H. He is also a Mason, and belongs to Union Lodge, No. 79, of Bristol, N. H.; St. Omer Chapter of Franklin, N. H.; Mt. Horeb Commandery of Concord, N. H.; Alpha Lodge, Perfection, of Nashua, N. H.; and thirty-second degree Edward M. Raymond Consistory.

In 1859 he was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Sarah A. Pattee of Alexandria, daughter of William S. and Betsey (McMurphy) Pattee of the same place, and to our subject and wife have been born eleven children: Alvah B., deceased, born April 21, 1860; Ruth E., deceased, Aug. 10, 1861; Henry C., Jan. 19, 1865; Arthur J., deceased, June 16, 1867; Will A., Jan. 3, 1869; Mary F., deceased, Dec. 18, 1870; Levi H., Feb. 4, 1872; James C., deceased, April 20, 1875; and Lou B., Dec. 26, 1876. Mrs. Phillips died Aug. 2, 1881. By our subject's second wife, who was Sarah A. Ferrin, daughter of John Ferrin of Thornton, N. H., was born one child, Jason F., Nov. 30, 1885, died July, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are liberal in their views on







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religious subjects, and are not connected with any church organization.

In 1862 Mr. Phillips enlisted in the United States service, Co. C., 12th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., under Col. John A. Potter, and was present at the engagements at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and Warping Heights, and was discharged Dec. 23, 1863. He belongs to Nelson Post, No. 40, G. A. R., of Bristol, and holds the office of senior vice-commander.

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HORACE B. STANLEY, a resident of Enfield, N. H., and manufacturer of the Eclipse Corn Planter, with factory located in the above town, was born in the same place, July 21, 1836. He is a son of Joseph and Hepzibeth (Burnham) Stanley, grandson of Matthew and Mary (Spencer) Stanley, and great-grandson of Joseph and Martha (Rogers) Stanley.

Joseph Stanley served in the Revolution and settled in the northwest part of the town of Enfield, and followed farming, his last farm being located on Moore Mt. He lived to a very advanced age, as did his wife; they led an upright, exemplary life, being of a religious turn of mind and zealous promoters of their belief, in which work they were able to accomplish much, for they were active, never seeming to tire, and exceptionally fluent and forcible speakers. Their children were: Ruth, Mary, Matthew, Jonathan, and Lavina.

Matthew Stanley settled in Enfield, and after securing a recognition as one of the town's enterprising citizens, he moved to Strafford, Vt., where he died at the age of thirty-seven; his wife lived to be sixty years old. Their children were: Phineas; Matthias; Abijah; Joseph; John; Daniel; William; and a daughter, who died young.

Our subject's father was born in Enfield, and after serving an apprenticeship as a cabinet-maker worked at his trade as a journeyman until about thirty years of age, when he bought a lot where N. S. Wheeler now lives, and built a house and shop and carried on the cabinet-making business on his own account. He became an expert in his trade, and took great pride in the elegant finishing of his work, which was almost exclusively of the finest grade of furniture, with most

beautiful inlaid work and veneering. The creations of his brain and hand were really works of art, and many articles turned out from his workshop are treasured by the first families of Enfield and the adjoining towns. He died at the age of seventy-nine; his wife was in her ninety-first year when she was called home to join those gathered on the further shore. She was a daughter of David and Rachel (Choate) Burnham, the former of whom was a ship-builder of Ipswich, Mass., in his younger days, finally moving to Enfield in 1807, and becoming the owner of a large farm, which he cultivated the remainder of the years of his very active life, dying there at the age of ninety-three; his wife preceded him at the age of sixty-six. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Burnham were: Polly, Olive, Hepzibeth, Eleanor, Fidelia, Cynthia, and Thomas. The following children were born to our subject's parents: Thomas J., who died in youth; Joseph B., who passed away at the age of fifty-four; Elbridge G.; Horace B., the subject of this sketch; Marcia A.; Ellen F.; and Imogene A.; all are living and enjoying good health, except the two noted above.

Horace B. Stanley at about the age of eighteen learned the carpenter's trade, and worked at it a short time, and then entered the bedstead factory at Enfield, where he remained two years, going from there to Fitchburg, Mass., where he was employed in the pattern shop about two years. With his brother, Joseph B., he then went to Concord and learned the jewelry business, returning to Enfield, Dec. 5, 1861, and opening a jewelry store, soon working up an extensive and paying trade. He was engaged in this business until Dec. 5, 1895, when he disposed of it to give his whole time and attention to manufacturing corn planters and putting them on the market. In 1886 he bought the patent for the Eclipse Corn Planter and Fertilizer Distributor combined, which has proved a model machine, realizing all the expectations placed in it. Soon after securing the right to it, he began to manufacture and found, when he placed it on the market, that it met with a hearty reception and a ready sale. He has since had calls for it from all parts of the country, and has agents throughout the New England, Central, and Western States, who look after its advancement and sale. The use of this practical corn planter has extended and the de-

mand has increased year by year, until now he manufactures enormous quantities per year. A single trial of its merits by the progressive agriculturist has invariably been sufficient to convince him of its accurate work, and to make him desirous of owning one. Mr. Stanley not long since purchased the M. E. George residence at the corner of Pleasant and Schools Streets in the village, where he has built a new barn and reconstructed the dwelling according to plans of the most advanced and modern type.

Mr. Stanley married Emeline A. Gates, daughter of Americus and Esther (Huse) Gates, who were natives of the town of Canaan and Enfield respectively. Mr. Gates was a farmer by occupation, and quite early in life settled in Manchester, N. H. Our subject has had one child, Grace L., who married Fred A. Spencer of Bristol, and a stockholder and director of the Dodge, Davis & Co., woolen manufacturers; Mr. and Mrs. Spencer have one child, Stanley A. Our subject is a stanch Republican, and a liberal supporter of the Universalist Church. Among the citizens of Enfield he has a reputation of the best for uprightness of character and pushing business enterprise; and it is with pleasure that the publishers of this volume present his portrait on a preceding page.

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MAJ. FRANK TIFFT MOFFETT, M. D., deceased, and to the time of his death a resident of Littleton, was born in Littleton, Aug. 6, 1841, and was a son of Alden and Almira (Blood) Moffett, grandson of James Moffett, and great-grandson of William Moffett.

William Moffett, an emigrant from the town of Moffat, in Scotland, settled in Winchendon, Mass., in 1753, and was esteemed by his associates as an enterprising and patriotic citizen. He was a soldier of the Revolution in the Massachusetts service, and saw hard fighting in the struggles of Lexington, Bunker Hill, and Saratoga, falling in the last-named battle. His son James, after residing for a time in Langdon, N. H., settled at length in Littleton in 1815. His son Alden married Almira Blood, and became the parent of our subject. Alden Moffett was a

prominent man in the town, and was colonel of the 32nd Reg. of N. H. militia. His children were: Alice Maria, Charles, Frank Tift, David Blood, Sewell Tolman, and Fred. David was a soldier of Capt. Farr's Company D., 13th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., in the War for the Union, and died in the service.

Frank Tift Moffett was educated in the common schools of Littleton, and in the High School at Barnet, Vt. He was an unassuming young man of sturdy physique, and unquestioned character. At the age of twenty-one he entered the Union Army as a private in the 14th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., Capt. Hodgdon's Company D. His enlistment was credited to the town of Seabrook. His tendency toward the medical profession was manifested in the army, as his aptitude for that work secured him the place of hospital steward. In performing the duties of this position, he laid the foundation for the success which he afterwards attained as a surgeon. His military service extended from Aug. 15, 1862, to July 8, 1865. He was with Banks on the Red River expedition; also participating in the valley campaign with Sheridan, taking part in the famous battles of that period; he accompanied his regiment to Savannah, passing Sherman's command as it emerged from its march to the sea; he was a member of the detachment which met the captors of Jefferson Davis and escorted them to Augusta, Ga., where the ex-President of the Confederacy was placed on board the government transport.

He ever afterwards manifested a lively interest in military affairs. He was a charter member of Marshal Sanders Post, G. A. R., organized at Littleton, Oct. 29, 1872, and was its surgeon from that date till the day of his death. He was a delegate to the State Encampment in 1886, and in 1894, though he was probably not in attendance on the latter date. He accompanied the department delegation to the general encampment in Boston, in 1890, and to Washington in 1892. He was influential in the organization of the Moore Rifles in Littleton, which became a company in the 3rd Reg. of the New Hampshire National Guard. He was assistant surgeon of this regiment from July 1, 1884, to May 22, 1889, with the rank of captain, and surgeon from the latter date to May 24, 1894, with the rank of major. He was punctual and useful in the per-



formance of all the duties, which pertained to these military and semi-military positions.

He was a companionable man, with strong social characteristics. These naturally brought him into relation with the more important social organizations.

Dr. Moffett's active connection with Free Masonry began in 1873, when he received the degrees in Burns Lodge: entered Apprentice, August 7; Fellowcraft, September 4; and Master Mason, October 25. He received the chapter degrees at Lisbon, April 25, 1878, and those of Omega Council at Littleton, Jan. 10, 1881. He received all the orders of knighthood in St. Gerard Commandery, May 28, 1880. The various degrees of the Scottish Rite were conferred upon him at Littleton, Aug. 22, 1894. The pressure of professional duty prevented his acceptance of official positions in these organizations, and yet but few men maintained a deeper interest and more punctual attendance than did Dr. Moffett. He also became a member of Lafayette Lodge of Odd Fellows in Littleton, June 25, 1884.

The study of medicine was commenced under Dr. C. M. Tuttle in Littleton, in 1867; he attended three courses of medical lectures, and graduated from the Harvard Medical College in 1870. He located for the practice of his profession at Littleton, in 1871, and prosecuted his work with distinguished success in Littleton, and in a large part of the surrounding country. His devotion to his practice was practically uninterrupted, with the exception of a trip to Bermuda, taken in 1875, on account of the impairment of his health. While his attention was usually occupied with calls at his office and about his home, he loved the lonely night rides among the mountains and valleys over long distances and in all seasons to relieve the sick, and all in the need of medical attendance. He received a large proportion of the professional calls from the towns along the line of railway to the White Mountain Notch. He will be long remembered by the Signal Service as the physician, who ascended Mt. Washington in mid-winter, in 1872, and took charge of the remains of the first member of the corps, who died at the Summit Station.

With his associates of the regular school he was a member of the White Mountain Medical Society. He was also a member of the State

Society, and one of its delegates to the American Medical Society at Baltimore in 1883. He then became a member of that organization. One after another the local contemporaries of his early practice had passed away, until he was the senior of the resident practitioners of the allopathic school in Littleton.

He has honorably borne his part in public affairs. He was a Republican in politics by conviction. He never swerved from his political relations as regards matters of principle; he never hesitated to exercise his own judgment, and to act with independence in the exercise of the right of the suffrage; he tolerated no censorship over his right to cross party lines in voting for candidates of his choice.

He was a member of the board of health in 1874-75-76-77 and in 1887. In 1882, after a long series of fierce political contests in Littleton had been waged, the two political parties were nearly equal in political strength. Dr. Moffett and Mr. Henry Green were presented as the strongest candidates in their party. The Legislature was called upon to decide the contest, and for the first time since 1868 Littleton was represented by Republican members. They took their seats on the 27th of June. The session was memorable for its great Senatorial contest, which finally, on the 2nd of August, resulted in the election of Hon. Austin F. Pike; Hon. Harry Bingham of Littleton, then State Senator, was the unsuccessful Democratic candidate.

Dr. Moffett married, May 23, 1871, Alice L. Tuttle, daughter of his distinguished medical preceptor, Dr. Charles M. Tuttle; his wife, with two daughters, Bessie T., now a student in Smith College, and Grace Isabelle, survive him.

Up to a few months before his death it was not apparent to Dr. Moffett's friends that his end was near, and with little warning to them, a rapidly developing complication of complaints brought him suddenly low. He was prostrated on Wednesday, and remained unconscious till he breathed his last on Sunday, July 12, 1896.

His funeral occurred from the Congregationalist Church under the direction of St. Gerard Commandery of Knights Templar, and in accordance with the beautiful ritual of that order. Marshal Sanders Post, G. A. R., took part in the services as an organization. The religious services were conducted by the Rev. Edgar F.

Davis, minister in charge of All Saints' Church, of which Dr. Moffett's family are communicants. The sense of sadness and loss which pervaded the entire community was everywhere apparent. All places of business were closed, and a large attendance at the church services made still more evident the respect and sympathy of the people.

No man in Littleton or the surrounding country has been nearer the heart of the people than Dr. Moffett in the period of his professional activity. Night and day, in winter's storm and in summer's heat, he has patiently served them as the good physician, knowing no distinctions among men and no guide but duty. His kindness of heart, his industry, and his professional skill brought his personality home to thousands, to whom the strong man was a help and inspiration. He was modest, unassuming, clear-headed, clean-minded, self-reliant, skillful, and conspicuously successful. He was discreet and self-contained. A social or professional confidence could never be tossed by him into the thoughtless gossip of the town. If he had disappointments and sorrows, he bore the burden alone, and no one saw the secrets of his heart. Among his professional brethren he was the soul of honor, and an exemplar of the ethics of his calling. While his professional ability demanded the utmost confidence of the people, their profound respect for his sturdy manhood was the crowning fact. No man remembers of Dr. Moffett the expression of an unworthy purpose, the indorsement of an unseemly thought, or the very semblance of a dishonest act. The memory of his self-sacrificing life is now the heritage of his family, his friends, his brethren, and his contemporaries. The stanch physique, the skilled intellect, and the great heart have not been spared in the ceaseless labors of a quarter of a century, in which no call of duty has been unheeded and no opportunity to help the poor, the sick, and the afflicted neglected. He had toiled to the high plain of professional accomplishment, and before the slow descent had begun he laid down his burden. He will be remembered as he was, when he stood on the summit of a noble life in the ripeness of his wisdom, and the perfection of his powers.

"His life was gentle; and the elements  
So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up,  
And say to all the world, 'This was a man!'"

FRANK P. BOND, a member of the firm of English & Bond, the leading grocers of Littleton, N. H., was born in Dalton, N. H., April 18, 1855. He is the son of Lucius and Laura (Ballou) Bond, and grandson of John and Comfort (Everette) Bond.

Our subject's grandfather came to Dalton from Hanover, N. H., when he was twenty-five years of age, being one of the first arrivals at that place; his occupation was farming. He was a leading and influential man in his community, and at all times evinced a great interest in the growth and prosperity of the town in which he had cast his lot. He served in the various town offices with fidelity and no little distinction. His wife was Comfort Everette of Hanover; she lived to be sixty-eight years of age. Mr. Bond finished his earthly pilgrimage at the age of seventy-eight. Two children were the result of this union: Julius and Lucius.

Lucius Bond was reared to a noble manhood in his native town of Dalton, N. H. He succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead, where he lived all his life engaged in farming. In respect of political belief he was a Democrat, like his father, and took a lively interest in public affairs. He was an unassuming man and disliked to attract especial notice. For this reason he was not an office-seeker, never presenting his claims for any office of honor; however, he was called upon by his neighbors to represent the town in the Legislature; he also served in minor offices of the town. He departed this life at the age of sixty-nine. He married Laura, daughter of Aaron Ballou of Dalton. She was called home to a well-earned rest when forty-six years of age. Their children were: Aden, who died at the age of twelve; Frank P., the subject of this brief sketch; and Aaron J., who lives in Adams, Mass. Lucius Bond married as his second wife Addie Gale, and she still survives him.

Frank P. Bond was reared and received his preliminary education in Dalton; he was then admitted for a course in Littleton High School. Soon after finishing his education he opened up a large store devoted to general merchandise in Dalton, and successfully carried on the business there for ten years; in 1886 he sold his store and stock and came to Littleton, where, in partnership with Mr. English under the firm name of







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English & Bond, he opened up a large grocery store, and is still engaged in the same business. They have a well-stocked store of an extensive variety, which commands a good share of the custom of the town.

In 1878 Mr. Bond was joined in the bond of Hymen to Emma L., daughter of E. P. Cushman of Dalton, N. H. They have one child, Bernard Q. Mr. Bond is a member of the Burns Lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; St. Gerard Commandery; and Omega Council, No. 9.; and the Edward A. Raymond Consistory, S. P. R. S., thirty-second degree. He is a firm Democrat, and has served in the town offices of Dalton, and has been one of the selectmen of Littleton for three years.

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AARON CLARK, an ex-soldier of the late Civil War, now incapacitated from any manual work, from sickness contracted while in the army, was born in the town of Dorchester, N. H., Oct. 10, 1832, and is a son of Samuel and Betsey (Rollins) Clark, and grandson of Samuel Clark, Sr.

Samuel Clark, Sr., was a native of the State of Massachusetts, and for the greater part of his life followed the occupation of fishing along the coast. It is thought that he and his wife were Methodists in their religious belief. To them were born six children: John, Samuel, Andrew, Robert, Charles, and Eunice.

Samuel Clark, Jr., the father of Aaron, was educated in the district schools of his native town, and after completing his education there turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, first in Roxbury, Mass., and spending his latter years in Dorchester, N. H. He died in 1864, and his death was a sad blow for the community in which he had long been an acknowledged leader; his wife was taken home in January, 1848. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born the following children: Emeline; John; Jane; Joanna; Cynthia, deceased; Aaron, the subject of this sketch; Henry; Maria; Amy; and George W. Emeline married Gilman Jesseman of Dorchester, N. H., and was blessed with two children, William and Christine. John married as his first wife Irene Dolliff of Wentworth, and as his second wife

Betsey Gray, by whom he had three children: John, Belle, and Blanche. Jane married Timothy Jackman of Stowe, Vt., and has one child, living, Willie. Joanna married Shem G. Ackerman of Alexandria, and has five children: William, John, Abbie, George, and Fred. Henry married Isabelle Collins of Enfield, N. H., and had three children, Lillian, Julia, and Rose, by his first marriage. By his second wife, who was Emma Rowe of Enfield, he had three more children: Frank, Minnie, and George. Maria married Hutchinson Waldren of Dorchester, and has two children: Clarence and Fred. Amy married Calvin Powers of Plymouth, N. H., and has four children: Alma, Betsey, Nellie, and Mary. Our subject's parents were Methodists.

Aaron Clark, after completing his education in the schools of Dorchester, N. H., learned the stone-cutter's trade, and worked at it five years in Quincy, Mass. He then came to Alexandria, N. H., and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he followed about six years, until the call for troops at the outbreak of the late war. He enlisted in the United States service Aug. 12, 1862, being enrolled as a member of Co. C., 12th Reg. N. H. Vol. Inf., under Capt. Fowler of Bristol, N. H., Third Division of the Fifth Army Corps, under command of Col. Potter; our subject held the non-commissioned office of corporal. He was discharged for disability Feb. 26, 1863, having contracted malaria poison, from which he was never afterward entirely free. He has tried at times to engage in heavy farm work, but has not been able to stand anything but the lightest labor, and since 1885 he has been helpless and dependent on his family for necessary care; the privation, which would have resulted to the family from the head of it being sick is alleviated somewhat by his pension from the Government.

Sept. 23, 1855, he married Mary E. Marston, daughter of David C. and Mary (Badger) Marston of Epsom, N. H. To our subject and his esteemed wife have been born five children: Emma A., born April 24, 1857, married Lawrence W. Goudy, and has one child, Aaron C.; Cynthia A., born July 11, 1859, married Jeff Gray of Alexandria, N. H., and has four children: Gertrude, Ralph, Maud, and Mary; Hattie M., born Sept. 14, 1861, married Henry Phillips of Alexandria, N. H.; Sam S., born Dec. 26, 1863,

married Alma Swain of Meredith, N. H., and has three children: Aaron F., Ruth, and Blanche; Jennie M., born May 3, 1866, married Charles S. Gray of Alexandria, N. H., and has one son, Donald C. The family are attendants of the Free Will Baptist Church. Mr. Clark is a member of Nelson Post, No. 40, G. A. R., of Bristol, N. H.

The publishers of this volume take pleasure in presenting a portrait of Mr. Clark, as he is a fitting representative of that Grand Army, composed of the noblest of Columbia's sons, who fought, bled, and died in her defense.

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AMOS MANSFIELD KIDDER, a retired New York banker, is a descendant from the James Kidder who was born in Greenstead, Sussex County, England, in 1626. There is much obscurity enveloping his early life, so it is not definitely known at what time he left the home of his youth and came to America; however, he must have come at quite an early age, for we find him in the records as a resident of Cambridge, Mass., in 1650.

Amos M. Kidder is the son of Oliver Blake Kidder, grandson of James Kidder, Jr., and great-grandson of James Kidder. James Kidder was one of the immortal patriots of '76, who gave to mankind a new meaning of liberty; his wife was Jennie Lind.

Oliver Blake Kidder, the third son of this union, was born in Bridgewater, Grafton Co., N. H., in 1797. His life-training was received on the farm; and he pursued this avocation with a great measure of success throughout his life on what is known as Kidder's Hill.

He married Betsey, daughter of John and Mary Dodge of Enosburg, Vt. Mr. Kidder died in 1854; his wife, surviving him many years, at last passed to her well-earned rest at the age of eighty. They brought up to maturity seven children: Mary A. (Marston), died at the age of thirty-five; James D., died at the age of sixty-three, in 1887; Elizabeth (Partridge), born in 1826; Harriet (Eaton), died in 1891, aged sixty-three; Clarissa (Bradley), born in 1830; Louisa (Smith), born in 1833; and Amos Mansfield.

Amos Mansfield Kidder, the subject of this sketch, first saw the light of this world March 28, 1837, in Hebron, N. H. He attended the Plymouth common schools until he had fitted himself for high school, when he took for a time advanced studies at the Chelsea High School.

Thus endowed with a good, practical education, he left the farm at the age of sixteen, and went to Boston to seek his fortune. He spent two years as a clerk in a commission house, situated on the wharf; two years succeeding saw him a clerk in an oil store. He then entered a bank, and labored there four years, gaining much of the knowledge of banking that assisted him later in life. At length, relinquishing his position in the bank, he accepted a position in the Lynn & Boston Railroad, holding the offices of director, treasurer, and manager for three years, and performing the work of these offices with the greatest credit to himself and profit to the road.

In January, 1865, he located in New York City, and there opened a banking house on Wall Street. He remained in business until failing health compelled him to forego all work and seek a change of scene. He accordingly took a trip to Europe to escape the worries incident to a business life. While beyond the great ocean he was seized with a great longing to be once again among his native hills of New Hampshire, and upon his return to America he visited the scenes of his boyhood years. Later on he decided to build a home in Plymouth. In 1888, the same year in which he built his beautiful home on Highland Street, he also erected a fine brick building on Main Street, which is known as the Kidder Block.

Mr. Kidder still maintains his interest in the banking firm of A. M. Kidder & Co. of New York. In the great panic of '73, when nothing in the business world, however secure, was safe, the firm failed; in ten days a settlement with his patrons had been effected on the basis of thirty-three cents on the dollar, and inside of one year all his obligations had been paid in full. This is a splendid record, one to which anyone might point with justifiable pride.

Mr. Kidder sought and won the hand of Lucy E., daughter of Henry Noyes of Chelsea, Mass. It was an excellent choice, for she has proved invaluable to him. She has borne him two chil-



dren. The elder, William M. Kidder, married Emily F. Bliss, and has two children: Amos M., Jr.; and Dalos Bliss. The younger, Lucy W. Kidder, married Edwin M. Bulkley of Englewood, N. J. He is a member of the banking firm of Spencer, Trask & Co. of New York City.

Amos M. Kidder is very much interested in home improvements, and the growth of Plymouth. As an illustration of this interest, we may point to his seven years' faithful service as overseer of the highways. He is one of the organizers and directors of the local savings bank.

He is a Republican to the backbone, and a strong, unyielding believer in the doctrines of sound money.

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LORENZO W. CURRIER is a direct descendant of Samuel Currier, who came to Wentworth from Hampstead, N. H., at an early day. He was the first Baptist minister in the town. According to a custom, prevailing at that time, the first minister locating in a settlement was to receive a grant of land; but for some unexplained reason this courtesy was not extended to him. However, Rev. Currier remained in the town, and after a time, becoming popular through his preaching and good works, was offered the land so long delayed. But he showed them his independent character, that he was not forced to accept odds from any man, by refusing it. His death occurred about 1802. He had four sons: Aaron, David, Samuel, and Daniel.

Hon. Aaron Currier came to Wentworth with his father, but very soon after his arrival left for Corinth, Vt., where he lived twelve years, returning then to Wentworth, which he made his permanent home. He was a very busy man, and his time and attention was largely taken up by numerous business ventures. He was engaged in the tanning business, which was established by his uncle. He also became personally and financially interested in the manufacture of cloth. In addition to these, he owned a grist and saw-mill. He was always among the most active in town affairs, and served as selectman and in other town offices. He represented the town in the State Legislature.

His wife was Abigail Huse; she gave birth to twelve children. The record of the family is as follows: James; David; Aaron; Ezra; Parney (Haines); Sally (Currier); Abigail (Weeks); Mary (Eaton); Samuel; William; Daniel; and John.

Hon. Samuel Currier was born in Wentworth, and was engaged throughout his life in the tanning business of that town; he also found time to do a little farming. He married Lois, daughter of Samuel Smart of Wentworth. Her age at the time of her decease was seventy-nine. Samuel Currier lived to be seventy-five years old. Their family was composed of three children: Eunice, Samuel G., and Lorenzo W. Eunice died before reaching maturity. Hon. Samuel G. Currier resides in Wentworth; he has served in the various town offices, and has been a member of the Legislature, and a member of the Constitutional Convention.

Hon. Lorenzo W. Currier was born in Plymouth, May 23, 1828. His parents came to Wentworth when he was about one year old. He took advantage of the educational facilities of Wentworth, and after completing the course in the common school, he took advanced work at Corinth Academy. He then took up the profession of a surveyor at the age of twenty, and followed that through life. In 1867 he was joined in marriage to Josephine C., daughter of John Pillsbury of Wentworth. She has borne him two children: Mary M., attended Wellesley College and Smith College, and graduated at St. Johnsbury, Vt.; and John P., who was educated at St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Mr. Currier is a member of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M.; Pemigewasset Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M. He belongs to St. Gerard Commandery of K. T.; Raymond Consistory at Nashua. He is a treasurer of the home lodge at present. In politics Mr. Currier is a very loyal and faithful Democrat, and is a leader in his town. He served as selectman fifteen years, and as moderator twenty-one years. He has also been supervisor, and has represented the town in the State Legislature. Mr. Currier is a man greatly esteemed in his community. He possesses force of character, is decided in his opinions, and fearless in the expression of that which he believes to be right. He is one of the solid citizens of Wentworth.

EDWARD EMERY, a leading and prominent farmer of Monroe, N. H., is the son of Caleb Emery, and the grandson of Amos Emery, who was born near Concord, N. H., where he was reared and educated. He married Anna Foote, and after rearing a family, came to Monroe with his son Caleb in 1804, and lived with him until his death at an advanced age. Two sons and one daughter made up the family.

Caleb Emery was the eldest in his father's family, and was born in 1776, near Concord. He married Eleanor, daughter of Laben Heath of Concord; shortly after his marriage he emigrated from Concord to Lyman (now Monroe), in 1804, bought a farm, and followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life.

Possessing a good common school education, combined with a sound judgment in business affairs, and an earnest desire to aid in the development of the country, he was a useful and successful teacher, as well as an ornament in society, and a public-spirited townsman. He was elected town clerk twenty-eight times, and served as selectman for many years. He represented his town in the State Legislature, and was justice of the peace for a period extending over thirty years. He was the acknowledged leader of the town, universally respected and admired; no public enterprise was complete without his assistance and co-operation; he was often consulted in matters of private import. He was a prominent member and a most liberal and open-handed supporter of the Congregational Church of Barnet, Vt. In politics he was a Whig, and later a Republican. He died in 1842. His wife departed this life at the extraordinary age of ninety-seven, in 1878; she was the mother of nine children, as follows: Solomon H.; Horace; Cynthia (Davis); Ann (Blake); Betsey; Edward, the subject of this sketch; George W.; Bestina; and Mary (Berry).

Edward Emery was born in Monroe, Jan. 18, 1818, and acquired his schooling in his native town. He bought the old homestead, built a new house, and made it his home for fifteen years succeeding his marriage. He then bought the farm, consisting of 225 acres, which he now owns and ably conducts in the most approved methods known to agriculture. He has been a successful farmer, and takes a prominent part in town affairs.

He was married, in 1850, to Julia, daughter of David and Jennie (Foss) Pierce of Thornton. They have reared two children. Willie E. married Maria, daughter of John Lang of Monroe; this union has been blessed by the birth of two boys, Arthur G. and Harry. Edwin C., the younger of our subject's children, married Clara, daughter of Austin Carter. They have one child, Nellie. The family favor the Congregational Church. Our subject, in addition to general farm work, makes a specialty of dairying. He belongs to Grange No. 49, of Monroe. He is a Republican, and has served as town clerk for twelve years; he has also officiated as selectman for many terms, and is now performing the duties of town clerk and treasurer.

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HON. FRANK A. BARNARD, a leading citizen of the town of Thornton, is the son of Hon. Albert Barnard, and grandson of Hon. John Barnard.

Hon. John Barnard was born in Massachusetts and came to Weare when in the years of his early manhood. He made his home in Weare for a time, when he removed to Thornton, and cleared himself a mountain farm, living on the homestead until his death, which occurred at the advanced age of ninety-four years. His wife was Polly Nichols; she finished life's journey at about the same age as her husband. They reared four children: Eliza (Cross); Alvira; Albert; and John L. John Barnard served as a representative of the town in the State Legislature, having been elected on the Democratic ticket.

Hon. Albert Barnard was born in Weare, and with his parents came to Thornton, where he spent his boyhood days in the manner common to all American boys, and obtained his schooling. He passed a few years when a young man in Illinois, but most of his life was employed in the pursuit of agriculture on the old homestead. He was a Democrat in his political beliefs, and was frequently honored with important offices. He was twice elected to the Legislature, besides serving as selectman, and in other positions at the disposal of his fellow-townsmen. He married Mary A., daughter of Joseph Wilcomb, and she has borne him the following children: Frank







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A.; Charles A.; and Clara E. (Merrill). Mr. Barnard is now eighty-six years old, and his life-long partner is sixty-five. They favor the Universalist Church.

Hon. Frank A. Barnard first saw the light of day in Thornton, Nov. 9, 1846. He was educated in his native town, and has spent his life there, engaged in farming. In 1890 he was married to Amy L., daughter of George W. Hackett of Thornton. Mr. Barnard has always been a firm Democrat. He served as chairman of the board of selectmen for ten successive years. He was a member of the Constitutional Revision Convention. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1887, and again in 1895, being in the long session that resulted from the great railroad fight. He is also a justice of the peace. His many years of public service demonstrate the high opinion in which his talents are held. He has well merited the esteem and confidence of his many friends by his meritorious work in various lines of public service.

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HON. FRANK D. CURRIER, the subject of this biography, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is a resident of the town of Canaan, and one of Grafton Co.'s leading attorneys, with a practice that has extended over twenty years. He is a man of many superior attainments that have secured him a wide reputation throughout the State; for many years he has been prominent in politics, and has served in many official positions, rich in honor and emolument. He was born in Canaan, Oct. 30, 1853. He is a son of Horace S. and Emma (Plastridge) Currier, grandson of Nathaniel and Rebecca V. (Pratt) Currier, and a great-grandson of Daniel and Mary (Smith) Currier.

Daniel Currier, who was a son of William Currier, was descended from the Newburyport family of Curriers, and was one of the very first settlers of the town of Plymouth, N. H., where the family has since been represented among the leading citizens. He reared the following family of children: Abigail, Nathaniel, Moses, Daniel, William, Samuel, and Mary.

Nathaniel Currier was born in Plymouth Oct. 6, 1791, and about the year 1810 came to Canaan and settled on Canaan Street, and suc-

ceeded Ebenezer Clark in his manufacture of woolen cloth; he was in this business many years and became the owner of large tracts of land. In 1824 he built a store and conducted it with good patronage from his neighbors for a considerable length of time; he also built the house, now occupied by Mrs. F. Currier. He was shrewd in business and far-sighted as to the results the future might bring; he thoroughly believed in the advantages of a good education, and sent all of his children either to the academy or to college. He was a Whig, and later a Republican, and served in the Legislature, and in other offices at the disposal of his fellow-townsmen. He died at the age of seventy-three, and his wife was over seventy at her death. Their children were: William P., Horace S., Nathan S., George C., Franklin, Oliver P., George K., Henry W., Elizabeth, Elizabeth P., and Henry K. W.

Horace S. Currier, our subject's father, was born in the town of Canaan; his introduction to business life and methods was as a clerk in his father's store, which was then run under the name of Currier & Wallace. In 1849 he opened a large general store where the Cardigan House is now located, and did the largest business of any firm in this section of the town. In 1853 he sold and retired from mercantile life, although thereafter he dealt extensively in real estate and loaned money. He was stricken down with lung fever at the age of forty-eight, and died June 17, 1866. He was prominent and well thought of in the town, and served as county treasurer, town treasurer, and as representative to the State Legislature. His wife, who was a daughter of Dr. Caleb Plastridge, died in 1889, at the age of sixty-three. There were born to our subject's parents the following children: Jennie L., who married M. J. Pratt; Frank D., the subject of this sketch; William D., who has been very successful in life, and owns mines in the west, having been formerly a large sheep raiser and ranch owner; he lives in Spokane, Washington; Maud M., who resides in San Francisco, Cal.; and Charles W., who died at the age of twenty-six.

Hon. Frank D. Currier attended the Concord High School, and Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, N. H., finishing with a special private course given him by Dr. Hickson of Lowell, Mass. He then began the study of law with Messrs. Pike and Blodgett of Franklin, and con-

cluded it with G. W. Murray of Canaan; he was admitted to the bar of New Hampshire in 1874, at Plymouth, N. H., and after traveling extensively through the west and the Pacific States, especially California, he opened up an office for practice in Canaan, in 1876. Besides building up a lucrative practice, in a short time by his superior work in his profession, and acquiring a well-earned reputation as a learned and able legal adviser, he became interested in politics. Even gifted as he is as an eloquent and convincing speaker, his rapid and continuous advancement in public life has been remarkable and fairly indicates the high esteem in which he is held by the people at large. In 1878-79 he was elected as representative to the Legislature. In 1882 he was appointed secretary of the Republican State Committee, and retained his place through the campaigns of 1882-84-86-88. He was Clerk of the Senate in 1883 and 1885, and was chosen a delegate to the National Convention of 1884 at Chicago. In the same year he was chosen Senator from his district by a large majority, and when he took his seat in the Senate was elected President of that body. In 1890 he was appointed by President Harrison Naval Officer of the Customs for the District of Boston and Charlestown, Mass., and served in that capacity four years. Since 1888 he has devoted at least one month each year to stumping the State in behalf of the Republican party, and has been moderator of Canaan since 1884. Being admitted to the bar shortly after he was twenty-one, his whole subsequent life has been a very busy and useful one, both in his chosen profession of law and also in the service of the people. His personal appearance on the platform when delivering a speech is prepossessing, and is without a doubt a valuable adjunct to his able and convincing arguments. In every way a gentleman, he never condescends to ribaldry or coarse remarks, but is courteous to both friend and foe.

Mr. Currier married on the 31st of May, 1890, Mrs. Adaline (Sargent) Rollins, and in the same year built one of the finest residences in his section of the county for the reception of his bride. He is a member of the Social Lodge, F. & A. M.; St. Andrews Chapter, R. A. M.; and Sullivan Consistory, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Mt. Cardigan Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

ALONZO F. BARTLETT, a retired farmer of Warren, N. H., is the son of Ephraim Bartlett, and grandson of James Bartlett, who spent most of his life engaged in hunting and trapping. His home was at Unity, N. H., except the last few years that he spent at Whitefield, N. H., where he died about the age of eighty-three. He married and reared a family of eight children: Alphie, Charles, Frederick, Ephraim, Caroline, Sally, Helen, and Eliza.

Ephraim Bartlett was born in Unity, N. H., where he was educated and grew up to manhood. He served as a soldier in what was called the Indian Stream War; he held the rank of captain. He was commonly known after that as Capt. Bartlett. He was a farmer by occupation. The greater part of his active years were spent in Whitefield, N. H.; his declining years, however, were spent in Manchester, N. H., dying there at the age of seventy-nine. He married Vienna Martin, who lived to the age of seventy-six, and bore her husband six children: Nancy (Bartlett) of Stoneham, Mass.; Alonzo F., our subject; Oscar F. of Manchester; Maria (Eames) of Woodsville, N. H.; Eliza (Adams) of Manchester; and Helen (Hart) of North Adams, Mass. They supported the Free Will Baptist Church. Mr. Bartlett was a firm Republican in politics.

Alonzo F. Bartlett was born in Whitefield, N. H., Aug. 3, 1839. He obtained his schooling in the schools of Whitefield, Littleton, and Haverhill, N. H. Agriculture was his chosen vocation, but before he had done much in the way of farming, the war broke out. He thereupon enlisted in Co. G., 10th Vt. Vol. Inf., in 1862, and was with the Army of the Potomac until the close of the war, being honorably discharged in May, 1865. His brother Oscar served through the war in the same company.

Upon his return from the war he settled in Bath, N. H., where he remained, engaged in farming for thirteen years, when he sold his property there and came to Warren, where he has made his home ever since. He was married in 1873 to Luvia C., daughter of Miranda Whitcher of Boston, Mass. This union has been blessed with the following children: Alice M. married Charles Head of Warren, and they have one son, George; Charles C.; Homer E.

Mr. Bartlett is a member of the George Bowers Post, No. 81, G. A. R., of Warren. He



is a member of Kane Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M., of Lisbon, N. H. He is a Democrat, and is serving as one of the selectmen of the town. He is also town moderator, an office he has held for ten successive years. He was a supervisor for six years; police officer of the village ten years; and deputy county sheriff two years. He has been justice of the peace the past fifteen years, and has received his fourth commission for another term of five years. Mr. Bartlett is very popular, and has won golden opinions of all his townsmen by his conduct and his integrity when in office.

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JEREMIAH S. JEWETT, a retired merchant of Warren, N. H., is the son of Smith Jewett, and the grandson of Samuel Jewett. Samuel Jewett, with his brother, came from Hollis, N. H., to Laconia, N. H., in the summer of 1877, and by felling the native trees began to clear a farm, returning to Hollis the following winter. The next season they went back to Laconia, and settled on a farm on the east side of the river, where he reared a family and spent the remainder of his days. Samuel Jewett owned a large farm along the river that was very suitable for milling purposes, and for a small sum sold the mill privilege, but stipulated in the agreement that a saw and grist-mill must be built on the property. This was done for the benefit of the community, as the milling before that was done at a distance, making it very inconvenient for the residents of that neighborhood.

Previous to his settling in Laconia Samuel Jewett served four months in the Revolutionary War. He was one of the soldiers that held the British at bay for so long a time at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He married Appahia Smith, a native of Laconia. She passed away in 1835, aged eighty. Mr. Jewett departed this life at the age of eighty-eight, in 1838. They were the parents of ten children: Sarah, Philbrook, Abaphiah, Polly, Ruth, Louis, Smith, Samuel, Jr., John, and Hannah.

Smith Jewett was born in Laconia, in 1793, and remained under the parental roof until of age, when he worked out for a few years. He finally located, in 1822, on a farm near the Bel-

knap County Farm, and lived there until after the death of his parents, when the homestead was divided between the three sons. In 1841 he built a group of farm buildings on his portion, and lived there until his death. He married Statirah, daughter of Benjamin Glines of Northfield, N. H., who was a Revolutionary soldier, and died while engaged in the War of 1812. Statirah Glines (Jewett) was born in 1799, and died in 1877. She bore Mr. Jewett ten children: Jeremiah S.; Statirah (Cook); Edith (Jewett); Adaline (Hoyt); John G.; Samuel B.; James W.; Mary (Davis); Ellen; and Henry. Their preference religiously was toward the Congregational Church. Mr. Jewett was a Republican; he was a voracious reader, and very well posted in political affairs. Personally he was modest and unassuming, preferring to live in honorable retirement. He died in 1868.

Jeremiah S. Jewett was born in Mededith, N. H., Nov. 25, 1822. He received his education in the public schools and the academy of his native town. When he came of age he began to support himself. His first employment was as an assistant in the survey of the railroad; at the age of twenty-two he went west to Illinois and Wisconsin for a few months. Upon his return, in the spring of 1845, he secured work in the survey of the Montreal R. R., and drove the first stake in the construction of the railroad that started from Concord, N. H. He followed railroad engineering for about three years. In November, 1848, he went to Lakeport and helped finish the railroad buildings, and began work in the Lakeport shops, where he worked until the fall of 1863. He then came to Warren, purchased an interest in a store, and followed the mercantile business until 1888; since then his farm has claimed his care and attention.

In 1852 he was joined in marriage to Harriet M., daughter of Joseph B. and Betsey (Merrill) Farnum of Warren, N. H. She was born in Warren, and made that town her home during her early years. They were married in Warren. They had one son, Martin Wilbur, who was born in 1855, at Lakeport, N. H. At the time of his death he was pursuing a classical course in Tilton Seminary, contemplating entering college when sufficiently prepared. He died Dec. 7, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Jewett adopted Nellie V. Campbell at the age of nine, and reared her as

their own child. She was married in 1893 to George W. Morse of Cabot, Vt., and is now living at Warren. They have one child: Ethel L., born in 1894.

Mr. Jewett is a member of the M. E. Church. He is an ordained local minister, and has done considerable work in the years past in that line of work. He has always taken an intense interest in the Sunday-school, and was superintendent for thirteen years. He is a Republican, and has served as postmaster and assistant postmaster for about fifteen years in Warren. He has been a member of the school board for five years.

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JOSHUA E. FOSTER, a prominent farmer of Wentworth, N. H., is the son of Joshua Foster, Jr., grandson of Joshua Foster, great-grandson of James Foster, and great-great-grandson of John Foster, who came from England, and settled in Reading, Mass., where he lived and died. He married Catharine Organ; from this marriage resulted two boys: John, Jr., and James. John Foster, Jr., served in the navy during the Revolutionary War, and met his death there.

James Foster was born in Reading, Mass. Farming was his occupation. He married Mehitabel Atwood, and in his later years came to Wentworth and lived there the remainder of his life. Their children were: John, James, Jr., Joshua, Jesse, Rebecca, Hannah, and Mehitabel. He fought three years in the cause of freedom in the War of Independence. He died at the age of sixty-seven.

Joshua, the third son of James Foster, was born in Pelham, N. H. He supported himself and family by agricultural labors. Soon after his parents came to Wentworth, Joshua followed and made it his home through life. He married Judith, daughter of John Nevens of Pelham, N. H. She was taken to her promised home on high at the age of fifty-seven; Mr. Foster died at the age of seventy-two. They reared the following children: Jeremiah; Joshua, Jr.; Abigail, died when young in years; John N.; Judith N.; James N.; Catharine R.; Joseph A.; Abigail; Rapha M.; and Moses.

Joshua Foster, Jr., was born in Wentworth, in 1815, and was reared and educated to the honor-

able occupation of farming, and followed it steadily throughout his career. He married, in 1848, Mary A., daughter of Aaron and Mary (Bryant) Ellsworth of Hanover, N. H. Their family consisted of six children: Anna, who married G. H. Brown, and has five children, George E., Ardella F., Charles H., Elma F., and Annia M.; Augusta died in her youth; Armanda died at the age of four; Joshua E.; Elma C.; and Emma J., who married J. B. Foster, and has one child, Louis M.

Joshua E. Foster, the subject of this sketch, was born in Wentworth, N. H., March 17, 1858. His life has been spent in the pursuit of agriculture. He makes his home on the old homestead; his parents are making the farm their residing place at the present. He married, in 1884, Arline F., daughter of Lyman P. Whitcher of Wentworth. He was bereaved of her comforting presence at the age of twenty-six. Mr. Foster is faithful to the tenets of the Democratic party. He served very acceptably on the board of education for three years. He is now one of the town's selectmen. He is a member of the Wentworth Grange, No. 199, and is overseer of the same.

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HON. JOHN JOHNSON, a prominent farmer of Thornton, N. H., is the son of John Johnson, Sr., and the grandson of Ichabod Johnson, who came from the lower part of New Hampshire to Campton. There he settled on a wooded tract of land and cleared himself a farm. He remained on the farm for the rest of his life, dying at an advanced age. He reared a family of six children: Samuel, Daniel, Elinor, Vashti, Susan, and John.

John Johnson, the father of our subject, was born in Campton. He was brought up to maturity and educated in his native town. He married Sarah, daughter of Joseph Moulton of Chichester, N. H.

Soon after marriage he removed to Ellsworth, purchased a farm, and made it his home until 1861, when he came to Thornton with his son. His wife died at the age of seventy-nine; and he was called to his reward at the age of eighty-two. Their children were: Eliza (Bowers); Annie







WILLIAM LEVISTON.



ROBERT LEVISTON.





(Hill); Sarah (Straw); Caroline (Moulton); Charles; John; Abigail (Cilley); Martha (Avery).

John Johnson, the subject of this sketch, was born in Campton, Jan. 9, 1819. He obtained his schooling in the towns of Ellsworth and Rumney. From the age of eighteen he supported himself, and cared for his parents in their old age, until their death relieved him. In 1840 he was joined in wedlock to Betsey, daughter of Edmund Moulton of Ellsworth. He moved to Thornton in 1861 and has been a resident of that town ever since. He has a good, interval farm of seventy-five acres, and has been continuously engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. His wife died at the age of seventy-seven. They reared three children: Austin, Romanzo, and Annette. Austin died at the age of twenty-two. Romanzo married Laura Sargeant. He died at the age of forty-nine, and left two children: Austin and Abby (Burleigh). Annette married Richard T. Carter of Newburyport, Mass. They live on the Johnson homestead with her father. Their union was blessed with one child, Mary, who married Charles A. Cook, and has one child, Nettie.

Mr. Johnson is a public-spirited man, and has never allowed his interest in town affairs to waver in the least. He has served as supervisor eight years, and as overseer of the poor ten years. He represented the town in the State Legislature in 1858-59, and also in 1881. He is an uncompromising Democrat.

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LEVISTON BROTHERS, William and Robert, retired tanners of Enfield, who gained a wide reputation during the days of their commercial activity as tanners of upper leather, are sons of Robert and Sarah (Wilson) Leviston.

The father was a farmer in Lower Canada, but having been bereaved in 1843 of his wife, at the age of thirty-five, he married again, and moved to Upper Canada, where he died. By his first wife he was made the parent of five children: William, born March 15, 1830; Robert, born April 11, 1832; and Sarah J., Irwen, and Mary, who were not permitted to reach an age of maturity, but were gathered home by their Heavenly Father.

William Leviston, the elder of the brothers, when a young man, went to Bradford, N. H.,

and served three years apprenticeship there to the tanner's trade, learning all of its branches, and becoming skilled in all of the manipulations of the trade; he worked in Bradford in the tannery of Martin Spaulding, in 1856, and, with his brother Robert, bought of Martin Spaulding the tannery, a saw-mill, and a small farm, and under the style of W. & R. Leviston ran a very successful business until 1865. In that year they disposed of all their property and went to Colorado to engage in the gold-mining industry; at Central City, Colorado, William entered the business of dealing in hides, and continued in that branch of trade two years until 1869, when he came to Enfield, N. H., and with J. T. Young purchased the old Richardson tannery. In 1872 Mr. Young withdrew, and the firm has since been known as Leviston Bros. Messrs. Leviston later purchased the L. R. Stocker premises, adjoining their tannery, which premises had been formerly used as a woolen mill. All the property was remodeled, and the buildings enlarged to suit the magnitude of their business, which flourished from the start. They made a specialty of wax, kip, and calf skins, turning out as many as 1,000 sides of leather a week, and giving employment to twenty-five men. Leviston Bros. used the noted Union Leather Splitting Machine, now used so extensively throughout the world, which was introduced in the tannery and first employed by Alpheus Richardson, the former proprietor of the tannery and patented by him. Our subjects have also made many improvements on their other property, which consists mainly of valuable farming lands. In 1892 they closed up their business, putting their tannery on the market for sale, and retired from active life.

William Leviston married Miss Ornia Spaulding, daughter of Martin and Oriana R. Spaulding of Bradford, N. H. She was born in 1837, and died in 1871, leaving one child, Irwen, now the principal of the High School at Omaha, Neb. He graduated in 1882 from Dartmouth College, and received the much-coveted Grimes Prize, which so few have ever been so fortunate as to obtain. He married Nellie C. Currier, daughter of L. Wyman and Lydia (Kimball) Currier of Enfield, N. H., and has two children: Alice M. and Robert. William Leviston married as his second wife Miss Cordelia Center, daughter of Ganaw Center of Hudson, N. H. Mr. Leviston

is a member of the Episcopal Church. He is also a Mason, belonging to St. Peter Lodge, F. & A. M., of Bradford, N. H.; and Wood's Chapter, R. A. M., of Henniker, N. H.

Robert Leviston, the younger brother, married Phebe F. Spaulding, daughter of Willard Spaulding of Hudson, N. H. He is a Republican politically, and a member of St. Peter Lodge, F. & A. M., of Bradford, N. H.

The portraits of William and Robert Leviston are shown on preceding page; these excellent likenesses will be viewed with interest, and will be of great value to this Book of Biographies.

GEORGE W. BOYD, a successful and well-known farmer of Wentworth, N. H., is the son of Hoyt S. Boyd, who was born in Dorchester, N. H.

Hoyt S. Boyd was a farmer during his younger days; later in life he worked as a watch-cleaner in the factories of Lyme, N. H. He married Mary Hurlburt of Lyme, who bore him a family of eleven children. Mary married Charles F. Worthen; they reside in Charleston, Vt., and have a family of twelve children. Charles L. married Ella E. Newcomb of Cherokee, Iowa. She was taken sick shortly after their marriage and died. Mr. Boyd married Maud Cicley of Battle Creek, Mich., as his second wife. They have one child. Julia A. married Daniel Chaplin. They live in Charleston, Vt., and have a family of three children. George W. is the subject of this sketch. Nettie J. married Edward Caskin, and bore him two children; they make their home at Puyallup, Washington. Lucretia S. married John Buzzard, and has made him the parent of five children. John H. married Carrie Palmer, and they have one child. Their residence is West Charleston, Vt. Annie E. married A. J. Cudney, who was lost at sea. He left his wife and two children; they live at Springville, Tenn. Carrie R. married B. F. King. He died and left her three children; she lives at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Katie E. married John Capps. She died in February, 1896. Emma H. married Charles M. Snow. Their home is in Oakland, California.

George W. Boyd was born in Lyme, N. H., April 11, 1847. He was educated in his native

town. He has always been engaged in farming, and is one of the most progressive agriculturists in the town. He came to Wentworth in 1879, and has made that town his residence ever since. He is a Republican in politics, and has the exceptional honor of being the first Republican selectman the town has ever had. He is a member of the Wentworth Grange, No. 199. He makes a specialty of dairying, and has a large herd of choice, blooded cattle.

On March 8, 1874, he was joined in marriage to Fanny B., daughter of Nahum Youngman of Wentworth. They have taken into their home a child, Katie B. Foster.

His wife's father was the son of Jabez, Jr., and his ancestry runs back through Jabez, Nicholas, Ebenezer, to Francis, who came from England and settled in Roxbury, Mass. Nahum Youngman was a native of Wilmont, N. H. He was the fourth child of a family of twelve. He married Elsie Hadley; she is still living, aged seventy-five years; and Mr. Youngman died March, 1892, at the age of seventy-five years. They reared three children. Wells C. married Mary McMannus of Dorchester, and has three children. Fanny B. is our subject's wife. Moses A. died at the age of six.

HENRY C. CURRIER, a farmer and retired glove manufacturer of Plymouth, is the son of Aaron Currier, who was born at Thetford, Vt. Aaron Currier came to Plymouth at about the age of twenty-one. He was a tanner by trade, and he followed that trade for many years; he was also engaged in farming, as he owned a forty-acre interval farm. He married Ann, daughter of Daniel Hoag of Grand Island, Vt. Mrs. Currier died at the age of fifty-one; her husband lived to the age of eighty-six, when he succumbed to the conqueror of all. They reared nine children: Phoebe (Reed); Daniel H.; Mary (Wells); James; Solon; Henry C.; Eliza A. (Sanford); Elmira (Fletcher); Emily (Moses). Aaron Currier was an old line Whig, and joined the Republican ranks upon the organization of that party. Although not actively engaged in politics, he was always thoroughly conversant with the issues; he was especially interested in town affairs.







DR. ZENAS F. LAMB.

Henry C. Currier was born in Plymouth, Sept. 23, 1832. He attended the district schools, going from them to take advanced work in New Hampton Institute and Plymouth Academy. He taught school during seven winter seasons. In the summers he would work in the glove business in the establishment of his brother. He was finally associated with him in business, the firm being D. H. Currier & Co.; this continued until 1880. Since that time Mr. Currier has been engaged in farming on a small scale.

In 1859 Mr. Currier was married to Florina, daughter of Peltiah C. and Louise (Cook) Blaisdell of Campton, N. H. Mrs. Currier was born March 19, 1836. Their children are: Perly S., Edward G., Amie B., and Fred A.

Mr. Currier is a Republican. He has served as supervisor for four years; and during the time that the town always went strongly Democratic he was a candidate on the Republican ticket five times for representative, being elected as representative in 1896 for the term of two years; he is also a member of the school board. He is a Master Mason, and a member of the Olive Branch Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M.

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HORACE D. ABBOTT, a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Warren, is the son of Charles Abbott, and the grandson of Josiah Abbott, who it is thought was born in Andover, Mass., as he moved to Bath, N. H., from that place during his younger years. He remained in Bath about thirty-five years, and then went to Lemington, Vt., where he died at an advanced age. Farming was his occupation. He served through almost all the War of the Revolution with the rank of lieutenant. His first wife left three children: Charles; Ruth (Holmes); and Fannie (Clough).

Charles Abbott was born in Andover, Mass., and went to Bath with his parents when a small child, and was there reared to manhood and educated. He was a millwright by trade, and followed the same the most of his life. He and Joel Eastman invented a water-wheel of original design, that promised much. They went to Washington in 1831 and secured a patent upon it. Mr. Abbott then went to Virginia, where he placed some of the wheels in operation. His health be-

ginning to fail, he returned to his native State, and died there in 1833, aged forty-nine. He married Anna S., daughter of Deacon Samuel Lang of Bath, N. H. She died in 1873 at the age of eighty-five. Their children were: Samuel L., born in 1814; Hannah L. (Edwards), born in 1816; Nancy F., born in 1818; Martha M., born in 1820, married D. B. Cotton, and reared three children, Wilber F., married Ida Leet and has four children, Edward D. married Flora Pillsbury and has two children, Henry L. married Anna Blood, and has one child; Charles S., born in 1822; Edward D., born in 1823; Luvia C., born in 1825; Horace D., the subject of this notice; Myra H., born in 1831. Charles Abbott was a leading Mason, and traveled considerable in the Masonic interests. He was originally a Republican, but later joined the Jackson party.

Horace D. Abbott was born Nov. 24, 1827, in Bath, N. H. He was educated in the common schools and the academy of his native town. He took up school teaching as an occupation for a time, and taught thirty terms in the common schools and academy of Bath and Warren. He is now engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. He came to Warren in 1860 and bought a farm on Beech Hill, where he still remains. He is a Republican in his politics, and has served as selectman of the town, and is at present filling out his second term as a member of the school board. He is a great reader, and is a very well-posted man. He is always interested in discussions on living questions.

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DR. ZENAS F. LAMB of Enfield, N. H., whose portrait appears on the opposite page, was born in Athol, Mass., March 5, 1865, and is a son of Zenas W. and Addie M. (Chase) Lamb. Our subject's father for many years was superintendent of the shipping department of the world-famed New Home Sewing Machine Manufactory of Orange, Mass., where he resided for many years, and won the respect and highest esteem of its citizens by his many noble qualities.

Dr. Lamb attended the High School of Orange, from which he graduated in 1884, and began the study of medicine with Dr. Walter M. Wright; he completed his professional education

in the Bellevue Medical College of New York City, where he graduated March 14, 1887. He at once came to Enfield, where he opened up a practice; as a physician he is well and favorably known throughout a very large circle of patrons, a reputation which he has won by an energy, determination and skill that have secured for him an extensive field for practice and have fairly given him a leading place among the practitioners of his profession. He is gifted with a keen insight into the nature of disease, and with a coolness, decision, and nerve that are indispensable to the skillful surgeon. He bought a lot on Stephen Street and built a handsome cottage, fitted up in the most pleasing manner, and beautified the grounds to correspond with it; this building he rents to desirable parties. His office is fitted up in his residence on Wells Street, which is considered to be one of the finest, if not the finest, street in Enfield.

Dr. Lamb married Miss Jennie M. Heath, daughter of Horace D. and Julia (Morgan) Heath. Mr. Heath, now deceased, was a leading business man of Enfield for many years, being a speculator in cattle and produce. His wife survives him, and lives in the handsome Heath home on Wells Street. One child, Vernice, who died in infancy, is the only child that has been born to our subject and wife. Dr. Lamb is a Democrat, and a loyal supporter of the party's men and principles. He is a Universalist in his religious preferences. Socially he is a member of Social Lodge, No. 50, F. & A. M., of Enfield; St. Andrews Chapter, R. A. M., of Lebanon; and Boston Consistory, No. 5.

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JOHN FRANK SMITH. Of the excellent and substantial citizens of Grafton Co. and town of Campton, who have known no other occupation than that of farming during their lives, and who have had far more than ordinary success in that line, Mr. John Frank Smith certainly deserves an honorable mention. He was born in Meredith, N. H., May 22, 1844, and is a son of John M. and Fanny (Edgerly) Smith, grandson of Daniel and Molly (Mudgett) Smith, and great-grandson of Paine Smith. Paine Smith was one of the early pioneers of Meredith, N. H., coming

from Gilmanton, of this State. He was a farmer of remarkably strong and rugged constitution, and both he and his wife lived to be over eighty years old at their decease.

Daniel Smith was born in Gilmanton, N. H., and remained with his parents through life, removing with them to Meredith, where he inherited the homestead. General agriculture continued to be his vocation throughout life. In the War of 1812 he served as a private. He was a Whig in politics, and a Baptist in religious belief. The years of his life numbered about eighty, and his wife's were about seventy. The family of children, with which they surrounded themselves to brighten their home and perpetuate their name and virtues, were as follows: Daniel, Hosea, William, David, John M., Mary, and Nancy.

John M. Smith, father of our subject, was born in Meredith, and educated and early apprenticed to the carpenter's trade. Having mastered his trade he bought a small farm in New Hampton, near the village, and after two years he moved to Second Division of Meredith, and four years later to Laconia, and worked in the railroad shops as a carpenter. But he soon tired of the confinement, and being a lover of the outdoor life and the pursuit of agriculture, he sold his home in 1853 and bought in the town of Campton the Daniel Avery farm of 160 acres. He later added more, making a splendid farm of 220 acres, not only surpassing in all the qualities that go to make up a good farm, but also excelling in its location. The farm is on Cook's Hill, and overlooks the Pemigewasset and Mad River Valleys, and a fine range of mountain scenery, including the defile leading to Mt. Washington, called the Notch. The farm was improved under his careful and judicious farming, the buildings having been enlarged and modernized. Being a member and liberal supporter of the Free Will Baptist Church, he gave land and helped to build in the year 1853 the church which is now standing near by. He was one of its prominent members, and was closely identified with all its work. He died in 1881, aged seventy-six years. His wife, our subject's mother, died at the age of thirty-seven, leaving three children: Clarinda J.; Horace W., who served in the late war, and is now a substantial farmer of North Dakota; and J. Frank, the sub-



ject of this sketch. Our subject's father married the second time Sarah A. Watson, and had one child, Leah F., by this union. John M. Smith's education extended only as far as the common schools were able to teach him; he became a great reader, and was very well posted on all the leading topics of the day.

The subject of this notice was educated in the district schools of Meredith and Campton, and in New Hampton Academy, coming to Campton with his parents and caring for them in their last days. He inherited the farm, and to-day owns 200 acres of good timber, pasture, and arable land. Not the least important industry on his farm is maple-sugar making. He has 1,000 trees, and has all the latest facilities for boiling and evaporating the sweet sap; the sugar-house is new and commodious, and the evaporator is one of the best in the State; he makes a large quantity of sugar and syrup each year, getting a good price for all he can make. He takes a great deal of pride, which is very well placed, on his choice dairy of Jersey and Devonshire cows, and his flock of sheep; in many respects he is a model farmer, and his methods worthy of emulation.

On Nov. 6, 1878, he was united in wedlock with Fanny C. Smith, born in Lynn, Mass., and a daughter of Moody H. and Caroline (Warner) Smith. Moody H. Smith was born in Meredith, N. H., and was a son of Hezekiah and Polly (Sinclair) Smith of Brentwood, N. H. Hezekiah Smith was among the leading farmers of his part of the State; he met his death in 1816, at the age of forty, by being frozen while riding in a sleigh on a very cold winter's day. His wife lived to be eighty-two. The children born to them were: Ebenezer, Thomas, Moses B., Moody H., Sally, Mary, Lavina, Eliza, and Nancy.

Moody H. Smith went to Lynn, Mass., and carried on a manufacture of shoes until 1851, when he came to Center Harbor, N. H., and bought a farm, still devoting much of his attention to the manufacture of shoes, and especially of Ladies' Congress Boots, which he made a specialty. He moved thence to Laconia, remaining about seventeen years, then returned to Center Harbor. Later on he superintended a farm in Sandwich, where he lived eight years, after which he retired and lived with his daughter, Mrs. Smith, for two years, when he went to live with his sons in Meredith, where he died at the

age of eighty-one. His wife is still living, hale and hearty, at the advanced age of seventy-six. The children born to this worthy couple were: Augustus M., Charles B., and William E., all soldiers in the late war; Fanny C.; Horace W.; Lizzie M.; Frank W.; Fred H.; George S.; and Carrie E. Those deceased are Arthur, Ellen M., Albert E., and Arthur (2nd).

Our subject's children are: Arthur Linwood, born Oct. 3, 1880; Alice Warner, born March 12, 1882; Carrie Louise, born Aug. 30, 1883. In politics he is a Republican. Religiously he is a Free Will Baptist; his wife is a Methodist.

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HON. JAMES JEWELL, the leading lumberman of Warren, N. H., is the son of Levi F. Jewell, and the grandson of Samuel Jewell, who was born in Seabrook, N. H., and came to the town of Warren when a young man. He followed the pursuit of agriculture. He married Eliza Foote; they both died at the age of seventy-nine. Their children were: Fannie, David, Levi F., Dollie, Jacob, Alonzo, Betsey, Samuel, Jr., and Jonathan.

Levi F. was born in Warren, in 1816, and was reared and educated in that town. He learned the trade of a millwright and house carpenter. He ran a saw-mill about forty years, and was extensively engaged in lumbering. He now lives on a farm near the village, enjoying a comfortable old age. His wife was Mariah W., daughter of Elvaro Copp of Warren; she was born in 1834. Their family consisted of: Emma (Vannah); James; Samuel, died at the age of four; Frank; and Mary (Morse).

Hon. James Jewell was born in Warren, March 24, 1855, and has spent all his years in the village. His father being in the milling business, our subject naturally acquired a thorough knowledge of that line of work, and has been engaged in that line of work all his life. He married, in 1880, Laura A., daughter of Francis and Catherine (Cunningham) Vannah of Warren. Mr. Jewell was associated with a partner in the lumber business in the few years previous to 1878. That year he built a mill on the bank of Baker's River, at a place known as Gleason's Place, about three miles north of the village. He has

continued in the business at that place ever since. A curious fact to be noted in connection with the site of this mill, is that there has been a mill there of some kind or description for the past eighty years.

Mr. Jewell handles about 1,000,000 feet of lumber annually, realizing very good profits. He is a successful and most thorough business man; all his undertakings are stamped with the mark of his push and business sagacity. He owns two cottages in the village, 400 acres of good farming land, and about 1,000 acres of timber land. He is a member of the Moosehillock Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F.; and Baker's River Lodge, No. 22, of Plymouth. He has a membership in the Order of the Knights of Pythias. He is a Democrat, and has served on the board of selectmen four years, and has been chairman of the same for three years. He represented the town in the State Legislature, in 1895 and 1896. He is one of the prominent men of the town, and numbers his friends among all classes by the score.

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WILLIAM HARRIMAN, the subject of this biography, is a leading farmer of the town of Plymouth, and one of the representative men of this section. He has made his special field of industry a success, and is highly esteemed and respected by those who know him best.

He is a son of John Harriman, Jr., and grandson of John Harriman, who was born in Hampstead, but spent most of his days in Bridgewater, where he located soon after marriage. His wife was a Miss Heath, and they had the following children: Samuel; John, Jr.; William; Moses; Daniel; Mary (Mrs. Craig). John Harriman and wife both died about the age of fifty-six. He was a shoemaker by trade, and followed that in connection with farming.

John Harriman, Jr., was born in Bridgewater, where he was reared and educated to agricultural pursuits. After his marriage he cleared a farm in his native town, and remained upon the same until he was about forty years of age. He sold his farm in Bridgewater and purchased a farm in Plymouth, on Baker River, located in the west part of town. Here he remained until his death. In every community in which Mr. Harriman re-

sided he was always highly respected for his honesty and integrity; he held various offices of trust and honor in his native town.

He married Betsy, daughter of John Aiken of Bridgewater. They reared a family of thirteen children: Eliza (Prescott); Mary (Doton); Laura (Webster); Sarah A.; Orpha; Harriet (Drake); Emily; Aaron; Moses; Theodore; Hiram; George; and William. John Harriman passed away at the age of eighty-seven, and his wife died seven years later at the same age.

William Harriman was born in Bridgewater, Dec. 1, 1823. He was two years old when his parents moved to Plymouth, where he was reared and educated. He remained with his parents and cared for them until their death. He succeeded to the ownership of his father's farm, where he has lived all his life.

Mr. Harriman was married, in 1855, to Caroline S., daughter of Caleb D. Penniman of Plymouth. Five children have been born of their union: Hattie, who is the wife of J. H. Trow; they have one child, Henry; Alma, the wife of H. H. Whittemore, and they have two children, Carl W. and Raymond L.; Emily, the wife of the late O. B. Davis, they had one child, Carrie E.; George D., who married Rena E. Merrill; Lizzie M. Mr. and Mrs. Harriman favor the M. E. Church, and in politics he votes the Republican ticket.

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HON. JOHN A. DAVIS, the leading merchant of Wentworth, N. H., is the son of James Davis, and grandson of James Davis who was one of the first settlers of the town of Dorchester, N. H. James Davis was a farmer by occupation. He married a Miss Clifford. She was over eighty years old at the time of her death. Mr. Davis also lived to a good old age, dying when eighty-seven years old. They were blessed with a large family of ten children: James D., Connor C., Isaac, Benjamin, Mary, Cynthia, Electa, Dolly, Ann, and Elmira.

James, the father of our subject, was born in Dorchester, and passed his life busily engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. He married Eliza, daughter of John B. McGrath of Dorchester. She was taken to her heavenly home when she







ALFRED M. SHACKFORD.

was fifty-eight years old. Mr. Davis lived to be sixty-four years old, when he was summoned to join those gone before. Their children were: Caroline (Foster), living now at Bath, N. H.; Increase S., residing at Haverhill, Mass.; John A., the subject of this sketch; Isaac, whose home is in Haverhill, Mass.; Benjamin C., also living in Haverhill, Mass.; Mary A., at present living in Haverhill, Mass.; Martha J. (Hall), residing in Exeter, N. H.; Lavina E. (Reed), also residing in Exeter, N. H.; Almira (Reed), and Sarah (Miller), both residents of Haverhill, Mass. In religious beliefs they favored the Universalist Church. Mr. Davis was a Democrat.

John A. Davis was born in Dorchester, Oct. 7, 1832. He received his somewhat limited education in his native town. His parents not being in easy circumstances, he turned over the fruits of his labor to them until he became of age. When, at the expiration of his minority, he left home, he had but a few cents over two dollars to his name. He journeyed to Massachusetts, and upon his arrival took the two-dollar bill and sent it home to his parents.

Soon obtaining a position as a clerk in a store, he followed that line of work for a time, learning the business, and getting familiar with all branches of it. He then began a business career for himself by opening a small store in Groton, N. H. After a short stay there he went to Dorchester, and remained in business there for twelve years.

He then came to Wentworth, and entered in business in the firm of Eaton, Davis & Co. The partnership lasted for twenty years to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. The past six years Mr. Davis has been engaged in business alone. He has the largest store in Wentworth, and carries a well-selected line of general merchandise.

In 1854 he was joined in marriage to Augusta C., daughter of Jonathan Hall of Groton, N. H. She was stricken by the cold hand of Death when thirty-five years old, and left two children: Albert L. and James E. In his second marriage, which occurred in 1872, he was joined with Helen A., daughter of John W. Cutting of Haverhill, N. H., and they have two children: John C. and Josie M.

Mr. Davis is a Democrat. He served as a member of the State Legislature for two sessions,

1865-66 from Dorchester, and 1883-84 from Wentworth. He is the efficient town treasurer, and has been the incumbent for eighteen successive years. He was postmaster in Groton in 1854, during his residence there. He has been postmaster of Wentworth through both of Cleveland's administrations. He is a careful, sagacious business man, and is held in high esteem in the community. He is the leading merchant of the village, and all he has accomplished and all he has obtained has been by his own efforts. He is essentially a self-made man.

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ALFRED M. SHACKFORD, a manufacturer of lumber and probably the most extensive landowner of Canaan, N. H., was born in Pembroke, this State, Jan. 23, 1839. He is a son of Edrick and Caroline (Huntoon) Shackford, grandson of John and Susan (Dodge) Shackford, and great-grandson of Theodore Shackford of Allentown, N. H.

John Shackford, our subject's grandfather, was born in Pembroke, Aug. 27, 1793, and died March 18, 1859. He was a paper-maker by trade, and later in life engaged in agricultural pursuits. His wife Susan was born June 7, 1790, and died Oct. 28, 1866. They reared the following children: Edrick, born Jan. 16, 1814; Ann M., Jan. 4, 1817; Adeline, March 26, 1822; Joseph S., March 26, 1824; John W., Feb. 16, 1826; and Catharine, March 4, 1828.

Edrick Shackford settled in Suncook, and in his early years was a boatman, from Boston to Concord before the railroad was built; he afterwards bought a farm in the town of Orange, this county, where he carried on farming some forty years. He was very successful in his work, and laid up a sufficient competence, so that he retired from active work the last years of his life, and bought a home on School Street, in Canaan, where he died Jan. 10, 1885. His wife, Caroline, daughter of James and Susan (Whitcher) Huntoon, was born April 20, 1814, and at her advanced age is extremely bright and spry, and does not look a day over sixty-five. The following children were born to our subject's parents: Alfred M., subject of this sketch; Warren O., born Sept. 1, 1842, died Oct. 23, 1865; Byron W.,

July 15, 1844, died Sept. 19, 1865; Ann A., April 10, 1846, died Sept. 12, 1865. The three younger children all died with typhoid fever.

Our subject, the only surviving child, assisted his father on the farm, and in 1856 entered the employ of the Boston & Maine R. R., known then as the Northern R. R., and for two years was engaged in sawing wood for that company. In March, 1858, his employment was changed to that of laying tracks, continuing for three years. He then took charge of the section through Grafton town as section boss, remaining there three years, and was then station agent at Grafton three more years, and from then until 1888 was station agent at Canaan, making twenty-eight years service altogether in the employment of the railroad. During the time he was station agent he was not provided with much assistance, which caused him to put in many extra days and nights, and so he tired of the confinement and resigned to engage in out-door work. He owned a large interest in the saw-mill run by Stephen Peasely, at Canaan Center, and at his partner's death, in 1892, he assumed full control of the same and has put in modern and improved machinery for sawing boards, also bench saws, planes, leg and round lathes, shingle and lath machines, and a cider press. He owns several farms in Canaan and the adjoining towns; he has done a large amount of business in loaning money, and is one of the leading men of the town, both commercially and socially.

He married Martha J. Barber, daughter of March and Mehitabel Barber of Canaan, and has two children: Addie M. married A. P. Follansbee, of the firm of A. P. Follansbee & Co., leading grocers of Canaan; Susie A., the younger child, married W. H. Tucker, station agent of West Lebanon, N. H., and has four children: Howard M., Erick S., Joseph, and Lawrence. Mr. Shackford has also extensive property in tenements, and a home in Canaan. He bought out the corner store of O. L. Rand, and has since been a silent partner of the firm of A. P. Follansbee & Co. He is a Republican, and when a resident of Grafton served on the school board, and as a tax collector, and has been town clerk in Canaan for nine years. He is a member of Social Lodge, F. & A. M., and is a Past Master of the same. Also belongs to St. Andrews Chapter, R. A. M.; and of Sullivan Commandery of Clare-

mont. He has been secretary of the Indian River Grange of Canaan ever since its organization.

The portrait of Mr. Shackford, which appears in proximity to this sketch, is a signal addition to our large gallery of portraits, and derives value from his character as a man and citizen, and from his position in the community of which he is a member.

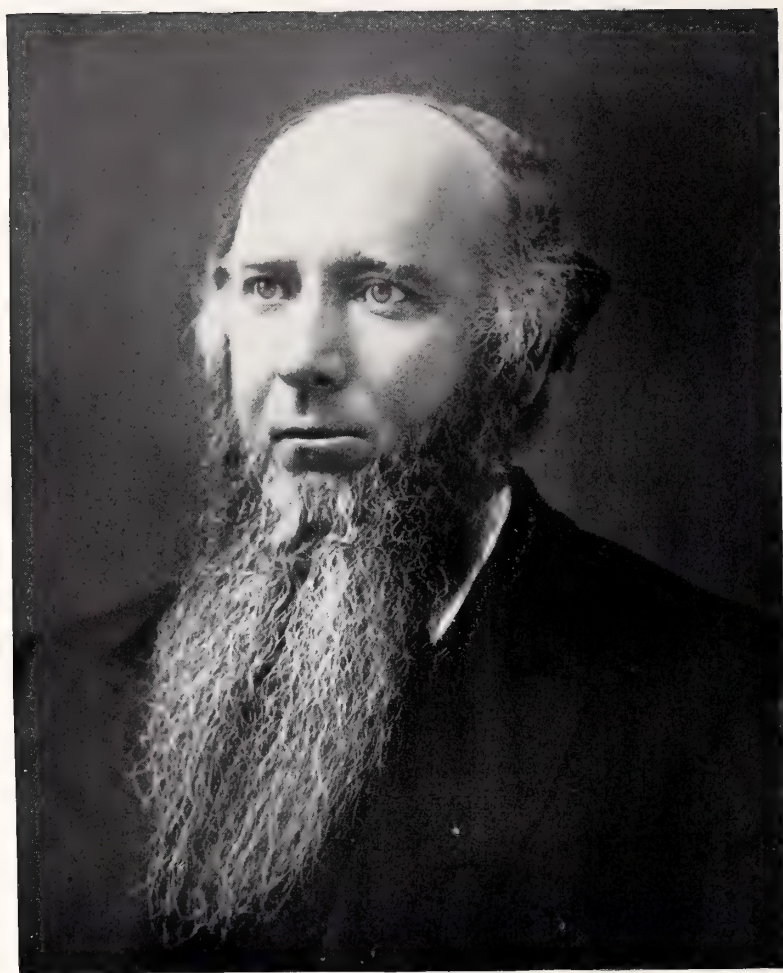
ARTHUR KNAPP, a large lumber speculator and dealer of the town of Warren, N. H., is the son of James Knapp, and grandson of Jacob Knapp, who resided in the lower part of the State.

James Knapp came to Haverhill, N. H., when a young man; and there learned the trade of a blacksmith, which he followed thereafter all his life. He married Esther Tibbitts of Sandwich, N. H. She rounded her life at the age of eighty-four; her husband was called to his rest at the age of sixty-five. He owned and operated a farm in addition to his work as blacksmith. They reared a family of nine children: Albert, who was lost in the Mexican War; George; Henry; Arthur; Ezra B.; James; Susan A. (Woodbury); Fannie M.; and Martha. James Knapp was an old line Whig and took an active part in the local political affairs.

Arthur Knapp, the subject of this sketch, was born in Haverhill, N. H., March 26, 1824. He was reared and educated in his native town. Until he came to Warren Summit in 1854, he was engaged mainly in the pursuit of agriculture. At Warren Summit he began handling wood for the Concord & Montreal R. R. He was associated with the railroad in that line of business for thirty-one years. The average estimate of the annual output was \$40,000.00. Mr. Knapp has been extensively engaged in lumber speculation and the handling of the same. He has been associated in business with such men as the late Joseph A. Dodge of Plymouth, and is now interested in timber land with Hon. C. H. Bowles. The excellent system of Water Works in Warren was put in by Mr. Knapp and J. A. Dodge. He is now the owner of much valuable farm land and







JOSEPH WOOD GERRISH.

about 4,500 acres of timber land. He retained a residence at the Summit five years, and then moved to the village of Warren, where he operated a hotel for eight years, and has since lived in the village.

He married, in 1847, Mercy J., daughter of Newell Caswell of Haverhill. Mr. Knapp is a Republican, and has served as selectman for two years. He has been remarkably successful in business, and owes this success to his shrewd, cool disposition that never drew him on to false hopes. He is conservative, yet when he is sure that a thing is practical and profitable, he is as enthusiastic as the most sanguine person. His excellencies of character are such as challenge the admiration and respect of all. He is well liked by all his acquaintances.

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MRS. JOSEPH WOOD GERRISH, widow of the late Joseph Wood Gerrish, lives in the house in Lebanon which was built by her late husband; it is one of the largest houses in the village, two stories high, with a French roof. It possesses all the modern improvements, hot and cold water, in all parts of the house, being the first house in the village to be fitted in that manner. Its location is on the Truman place, facing the park. The wife and daughter of her deceased son, Charles W. Gerrish, live with her. Although left with a beautiful home and a goodly amount of property, and blessed with the highest respect and sympathy of a large circle of friends, they do not console her for the loss of a husband who was all in all to her, who devoted himself to gratifying her every wish. Mr. Gerrish's domestic virtues were known and appreciated by all who had a close acquaintance with him, and they need no elaboration in this work. Suffice it to say that one has gone from the home fireside and from among the best men of his town, who will remain in the minds of those left behind as a faithful and loving husband, and as a loyal and good citizen.

Joseph Wood Gerrish was born March 5, 1825, at Boscawen, N. H.; he was a son of Samuel B. and Sarah (Wood) Gerrish, grandson of Col. Joseph and Mary (Bartlett) Gerrish,

great-grandson of Stephen Gerrish, and great-great-grandson of William Gerrish, who was born in Bristol, Somersetshire, England, Aug. 20, 1617. In 1639 William Gerrish came to America and settled at Newburyport, Mass. Stephen Gerrish was born in 1711, and died in 1788; he settled in Boscawen, N. H., where his son, Col. Joseph Gerrish, was born in 1753.

Col. Joseph served as colonel in the War of the Revolution, and died in 1817. He was a much-beloved man, and a most fitting epitaph adorned his headstone, which was:

"As a citizen he was beloved;  
As a magistrate revered;  
A pillar in the church;  
And an ornament to society."

He held many of the town offices and was a delegate to the convention which met for the adoption of a Federal Constitution. His children were: Judith, Samuel B., Mary, Sally, and Betsey.

Samuel B. Gerrish, the only son, was born Dec. 12, 1782, and died Dec. 7, 1866. He was an inn-keeper at Boscawen, N. H., for about sixteen years, and then moved to Hartland, Vt., and in 1829 to Lebanon, where he carried on farming the remainder of his natural life. His wife Mary is a daughter of Capt. Joseph Wood, whose biography may be found on another page. The following children composed his family: Sarah W., Joanna H., Susan, Mary P., Joseph W., Samuel B., George L., and Charles.

Joseph Wood Gerrish was educated in the High School, and assisted his father on the farm until he was twenty-one, when he launched out upon the tide, which bore him to success. He spent a few of his early years as clerk in the City Hotel of Boston, Mass., and then came to New Hampshire and began dealing in land. Many years of hard work were spent in Canada and New York buying hemlock bark, which he was accustomed to ship to the markets of New York City and elsewhere.

In 1855 Mr. Gerrish located at Lebanon and opened up his business, dealing in farm produce, lumber and land; he had a large store-house, and made it a business to buy what things the farmer had to sell and to send them to market. He



would also buy land and real estate, and after making valuable improvements sell it at an advance in value. He owned the large brick house on Mascoma Street, where he lived many years. He was always trying to enlarge the village and to advance its interests in every legitimate direction. He bought a tract of land, laid out Mechanic Street, and sold the desirable building lots, thus set off. In 1868 he purchased the Truman place, facing the park, and built the handsome home noted in the beginning of this sketch, and now the residence of his wife and children. He was one of the largest real estate owners of his day, and a leading business man in every particular; he left at his death several farms to his heirs.

Mr. Gerrish died in 1880, aged fifty-five, of Bright's disease. In politics he was a staunch Republican, but never aspired to office. He was a liberal supporter of church work, irrespective of denomination. On Feb. 6, 1855, he married the subject of this sketch, Miss Eunice M. Hewes, daughter of Sylvanus and Miriam (Wright) Hewes. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerrish two children: Charles W., deceased; and Emily J. Charles W., born Nov. 25, 1855, married Ella M. Sweatt, and died at the age of thirty-two, leaving two children: Helen M. and Joseph W., who died at the age of nine. Charles W., when living, had charge and oversight of his father's estate. Emily J., born Sept. 8, 1861, married Chester J. Pike of Medford, Mass., and has two children: Louise G. and Chester J., Jr.

Sylvanus Hewes, Mrs. Gerrish's father, was a merchant of Lyme, N. H., in its early days, but was later on a farmer. He owned potash mills and carding mills, and was interested in the business of cloth dressing. He died at the age of ninety-one; his wife fell into that last sleep at the age of sixty-nine. Mr. Hewes was a Democrat, and held many of the town offices, such as selectman and overseer of the poor, filling the latter position thirty years. He also served as county treasurer, and State Senator from District No. 11.

A portrait of Mr. Gerrish is shown on a preceding page in connection with this sketch. It will be appreciated by many of his life-time friends in the county, as they will cherish with pleasant recollections the features of this good man.

JOHN B. FOSTER, a leading farmer of Wentworth, N. H., is the son of John Foster, Jr., and grandson of John Foster, whose birthplace was Rumney, but who lived in Wentworth the most of his life. His occupation was that of a farmer. He married Hannah Piper. John Foster died when eighty-five years of age.

John Foster, Jr., was born in Rumney, and came to Wentworth at an early age with his father. He was a mason by trade, and worked at it in connection with his farming duties. He married Louise M., daughter of Joseph Burleigh of Dorchester, N. H. She died at the age of fifty-five; he survived her a few years, reaching the age of seventy-three at his death. They reared three children. Noah B. married Ellen A. Colburn of Wentworth. He died at the age of thirty-nine, and left two children: Ben and Walter. Anna M. married George E. Patterson of Merrimack, N. H. She left five children to the care of her husband at her death. The third child was John B., the subject of this sketch. John Foster, Jr., was a Democrat, and served as selectman of the town a number of times. They favored the Universalist Church.

John B. Foster was born July 24, 1859, in Wentworth. He received his rudimentary education in the district schools of his native town; after completing them he took an advanced course in the New Hampton Academy. He taught school during eleven winter sessions.

In 1887 he was joined in the holy bond of matrimony with Emma J., daughter of Joshua Foster of Wentworth. They have one child, Louis M. Mr. Foster is a Democrat, and is serving as chairman of the board of selectmen. He had served as selectman six terms previous to his last election. He has also held an office on the school board for six terms. He is a member of the Wentworth Grange, No. 199, and also the Grafton County Grange Pomona, Chapter No. 13, of which he is now Master. Mr. Foster's farm comprises 100 acres of well-cultivated land, located about one and three-quarters miles from West Rumney Village. He gives especial attention to that profitable branch of agriculture, dairying. He is well spoken of as enterprising in his farming methods, and straightforward in all his dealings. He stands high in the community as a man of more than ordinary intelligence and education.





ALBERT J. GILMORE.



ALBERT J. GILMORE, bookkeeper for J. K. Atwood, bobbin manufacturer of Lisbon, Grafton Co., N. H., was born in Calais, Me., Dec. 13, 1858. He is a son of John and Ellen (Robinson) Gilmore, and grandson of Robert Gilmore, who was a native of the Emerald Isle, coming to America when a young man and settling in New Brunswick. He was a farmer by occupation, and never deviated from that vocation throughout his entire life. To him were born five children: John, William, Samuel, Margaret, and Robert. They were Presbyterians in their religious preferences and attachments.

John Gilmore, after a youth spent in Calais, Me., learned the trade of rope-making, which he followed several years, finally owning and conducting his own establishment in Calais. He at length sold out this enterprise and moved to Nova Scotia, where he purchased large tracts of timbered land, and lands rich in gold; he remained there about three years, and then, selling out, he moved back to Maine, making his home at Castine, where he turned his attention for a while to the industry of rope-making, which he had learned in his youth. He successfully carried this business on for about three years, but at the formation of the great rope trusts of 1867-68, he was compelled to retire, for competition against such an opponent would be ruinous in the extreme. He then went to Orono, Me., and there engaged in lumbering until 1873, when he moved to Bath, Me., and built ships the remainder of his life. He died in 1881; his wife still survives him, and lives in Lewiston, Me. In politics he was a Republican, but would never accept any office, no matter how great the pressure brought to bear against him. He married Ellen Robinson, daughter of James Robinson of New Brunswick, and to them were born six children, as follows: Albert J., the subject of this personal narration; Joseph; Mary; William E., deceased; William K.; and George, deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore were devout members and most loyal supporters of the M. E. Church.

Albert J. Gilmore was educated in the district schools of Calais and Castine, Me., and graduated from the high school of Orono, Me. When out of high school he was employed by Samuel Taylor of Greenbush, Me., as a clerk in a general store, where he remained about four years. He

then went to Bath, Me., and surveyed lumber for the Treat & Lang Co. for about two years. From Bath he moved to Gorham, N. H., where he put in three years keeping books and surveying lumber for the J. F. Thompson Co. In 1888 he came to Lisbon, N. H., and became bookkeeper and surveyor for J. K. Atwood, and has worked for him ever since. Politically he is a Republican.

In 1889 he was united in matrimony with Victoria Hagan, who was born in the Dominion of Canada, but who had made her home with Mr. J. K. Atwood ever since she was ten years old. They are both influential members of the Congregational Church. Socially Mr. Gilmore belongs to Glen Lodge, No. 54, I. O. O. F., of Gorham, N. H.; Littleton Encampment of Littleton, N. H.; and to the Patriarchs Militant of Woodsville, N. H. We are pleased to present Mr. Gilmore's portrait on a preceding page.

FRANCIS F. BLAKE, a leading farmer of the town of Plymouth, is the son of Nathan Blake, grandson of Jedediah Blake, and great-grandson of Nathan Blake.

Jedediah Blake was born in Epping, N. H., where he passed his early years and obtained his education. After his marriage he moved to Bolton, Canada, where he remained a few years engaged in farming, finally going from there to the town of Alexandria, N. H., where he spent the remainder of his days. He lived to the age of eighty-eight. His wife was Sally Hoyet; seventy-four happy years, overflowing with tender memories, were allotted to her. They brought up to maturity five children: Mary (Gale); Nathan; Hannah; Joseph; and Jedediah.

Nathan Blake, the second child of Jedediah Blake, was born in Bolton, Dominion of Canada. He was about four years old when his parents moved to Alexandria. In that town he received his education, and passed the greater portion of his life. At the age of sixty-one he moved with his family to Epping, and lived there seven years. He then took up his residence in Plymouth, and made it his home till he was called to his account at the age of seventy-four. He was a farmer, but found considerable time to devote to the lumber-

ing business. He married Ruth, daughter of Moses and Ruth (Cross) Simonds. His wife passed away at the age of eighty-five. Ten children were the result of this union: Lucy; Levi S., who died in his youth; and Levi F., 2nd, who died at the age of sixty years; Jennie F. (Boardman); Louisa; Laura, who resides with her brother; Alonzo; George; Amanda, who died at an early age; and Francis F., the subject of this sketch.

Francis F. Blake was born June 27, 1850. His life has been spent on the farm engaged in agricultural pursuits. During his father's life he was

associated with him in the lumbering business. In 1884 he was joined in wedlock to Cora L., daughter of Charles and Eliza Heath of Bridgewater, N. H. She departed this life Nov. 30, 1890, at the age of twenty-seven years, leaving a family of two children: Harry N. and Lulu R.

Mr. Blake has lived in Plymouth since 1879. He has made a reputation that is to be envied for his shrewd business tact and for his success as a farmer; he is most highly thought of by all his acquaintances. He is a Republican, and has performed public service in the capacity of town selectman.

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